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From the time of Senator KENNEDY's arrival at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, Los Angeles, at 12:50 a.m. until his death at 1:44 a.m., 6/6/68, Bureau Agents maintained liaison at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan with U.S. Secret Service and representatives of the KENNEDY family to insure that all developments were promptly reported to the Bureau.

Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Los Angeles, made available copies of their complete files on 6/5/68, concerning SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and other members of his family. The copies of those files and photographs obtained from INS are being retained by the Los Angeles Office. On 6/7/68, the original I-53s filed by the five members of the SIRHAN family in January 1968, were obtained from INS, Los Angeles, and have been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting examinations.

RE: "ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING
MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS"
SECTION OF THIS REPORT.

The first confidential source is LA 4688-S to SA RICHARD H. BLOESER on 6/5,6/68. The second confidential source is CSLA 3184-S to SA RICHARD H. BLOESER on 6/6/68.

On 6/7/68, SA ROBERT F. PICKARD received a three-page memorandum from Mr. UNO TIMANSON, Vice President, Banquets and Sales, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. Mr. TIMANSON advised that he was releasing this memorandum, which he prepared shortly after the shooting, to the FBI only and insisted that the contents be kept in strict confidence by the FBI. This memorandum is as follows:

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June 6, 1968

CALIFORNIA ELECTION RETURNS
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1968

The Senator arrived back to the hotel about 8:00 PM and immediately went to the Royal Suite. He did not go into the parlor since friends and staff were watching the election returns on television. At about 10:30 PM, more and more people began to arrive in the hallway outside the Senator's suite and by 11:45 PM it was quite crowded.

When it came time to go down to the Embassy Ballroom for his victory statement, I immediately sent Eddie Manasian to hold the north elevator since it had been decided that he should go through the lobby particularly since two television cameras had been erected across from the house phones. Only when we were two or three feet away from the elevator did the Senator decide that he would prefer not to go through the crowds but to use the service elevator as he had done on Sunday, June 2nd when he made an appearance in the Cocoanut Grove and the East Garden. Once in the service elevator we arrived on the kitchen level and I led the way to the Embassy Ballroom stage.

The crowd was fantastic and the stage was jam packed. As a matter of fact, I was terribly concerned about all the people being up on the stage and was afraid the stage might break down.

After his acceptance speech in the Embassy Ballroom, we were due to use the back staircase down to the Ambassador Ballroom where the general public was awaiting him. However, before the speech ended in the Embassy Ballroom, Fred Dutton asked me if there were television sets in the Ambassador Ballroom and I answered "yes". It was then immediately decided that the Senator would visit the Colonial Room first which was being used as Press headquarters. I told Mr. Dutton that there was no Press in the Colonial Room, instead they were in the Embassy Ballroom. They still headed for the Colonial Room and I led the way followed by Senator and Mrs. Kennedy, as well as his immediate staff including Bill Barry, his bodyguard, Jesse Unruh and a few friends.

I was about 6 feet ahead of him when I heard the sound of what I thought was a firecracker. It sounded three or four times in quick order and I thought it was part of the celebration. Immediately,

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however; he was down on the floor where the big ice machine is located and screams and pandemonium broke out the same time as the killer was attacked. Mr. Murphy, the hotel Security Guard evidently had called the ambulance but I wanted to make sure and ran into the Colonial Room, but could not get the operator, but was assured once again that the ambulance was on the way. This all happened within a matter of seconds. I then immediately ran down the kitchen steps to the casino level and out through the back ramp that our Bellmen use. As I was waiting outside, the ambulance arrived and I escorted the two ambulance attendants through the same area up to the lobby level of the kitchen pantry area. I emphasized to the attendants the emergency and remember being terribly upset by the apparent non-chalance of one of the attendants. I pushed them and pushed them and urged them on but somehow they could not move fast enough. What really made me upset was when I was to bring them up the steps from the lower level to the lobby level, they refused to walk up the steps with a stretcher and instead insisted on taking the elevator. Back up in the kitchen there was a lot of shuffling and shouting, photographers were trying to get pictures, and I was definitely of the opinion that the people would lynch or beat to death the assassin. The Senator was placed on the stretcher, rolled into the elevator, brought down to the lower level and carried out into the waiting ambulance. I again recall some difficulty with the same ambulance attendant - he would not allow one or two people, perhaps even Mrs. Kennedy, to enter the ambulance with the Senator's body. I remember specifically Bill Barry saying, and I quote, "This guy has got to go". The ambulance then took off and I jumped on the back seat of one of the police motorcycles and we took off for the receiving hospital. What amazed me was that this police escort did not know the location of the Central Receiving Hospital, neither did another police motorcycle and neither did, if I recall correctly, one of the police cars.

We arrived at the hospital moments after the ambulance and immediately afterwards, Steven Smith, the Senator's brother-in-law, arrived as did Colonel John Glenn. Again I was surprised that the uniformed hospital attendants would not let in Steven Smith or Colonel Glenn, but eventually, upon proper identification, they got in.

The Senator was then brought out again and moved into an ambulance and driven to the Good Samaritan Hospital. Somehow I felt hopeful at the time since Mrs. Kennedy went in a separate ambulance. Joe Quinn, the Deputy Mayor, arranged a police car for Fred Dutton, Steven Smith, Roy Varrow and myself, and took off for the Good Samaritan Hospital. Again, with two officers in the police car

they did not know the location of the Good Samaritan Hospital. As a matter of fact, they drove in the opposite direction and could not get the proper information from the operator. As a matter of fact, they did not even ask the proper questions from the operator and had her confused. It was really unbelievable but we finally arrived at the hospital where a large crowd was gathering.

This is briefly the way I remember the last hours of Senator Kennedy's visit to California. I would like to add that at no time did anybody criticize anybody in connection with the shooting, instead the staff was formidable and dedicated and efficient to the very end as I had learned to know many of them during their stay at the Ambassador from the middle of March to Wednesday, June 5, 1968.

As the Senator said in many of his speeches, "We are all in this effort together" and everybody surrounding him certainly was!

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Mr. ROY C. TRUESDALE, Special Agent in Charge, State of California Department of Employment, Area Investigation Office, 1525 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following:

He made available the file of SIRHAN SIRHAN which contained information compiled on SIRHAN by the Counseling Section of the California Department of Employment in Pasadena, California. TRUESDALE explained that the counseling service is made available to "hard core unemployment" individuals and, as such, SIRHAN was counseled by that office during the period of October 6, 1967 to November 6, 1967.

He stated that the file contains handwriting samples of SIRHAN on an application for employment form; however, he is unable to make the file available to the FBI due to California laws pertaining to the protection of employment records. He stated that he desires to cooperate with the FBI and will furnish any information he might have orally regarding SIRHAN; however, he would be forced to object on a legal basis to any attempts to obtain these records by the FBI.

TRUESDALE advised that SIRHAN's Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He stated that during SIRHAN's period of counseling by the California Department of Employment, he was residing at 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California. SIRHAN came to the California Department of Employment in Pasadena on October 6, 1967. At that time, individuals in that department discussed with SIRHAN his work interests. On October 20, 1967, SIRHAN was given some vocational tests and a vocation plan was discussed with him. On October 26, 1967, additional discussions were held with SIRHAN and specific vocations were suggested to him. On November 6, 1967 through conversations with SIRHAN, it was determined that SIRHAN was interested in jobs pertaining to electronics, such as a job as an electrical assembler.

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He was then referred to the Burroughs Company in Los Angeles; however, the Burroughs Company did not employ him. On December 28, 1967, the Pasadena Office of the California Department of Employment referred SIRHAN to the I. Magnin Company for employment; however, no information was received indicating whether or not he obtained or applied for employment with that company.

TRUESDALE recalled that SIRHAN had had one year's experience as an exercise boy at the race track and had worked in a service station. He advised that SIRHAN stated he had been injured during a former employment and had received some money as a result of his injury. TRUESDALE suggested that SIRHAN may have drawn Workmen's Compensation pay during this injury.

TRUESDALE could furnish no additional information regarding SIRHAN.

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Photographs relating to the autopsy of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY are being included in a separate exhibit section and are not referred to in the details of this report.

LEADS

No leads are being set out in view of the fact that all leads in this matter are being handled by telephone and teletype, and all offices handling such leads are requested to sutel results.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. (1) Will continue efforts to obtain all pertinent records and charts not presently available prepared by the Governmental agencies.

(2) Will continue intensive investigation of all aspects of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.
Date: 6/9/68

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: 56-156

Bureau File #: 62-587

Title: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: At approximately 12:15 a.m., 6/5/68, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY proclaimed victory in California primary election in crowded Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. As Senator KENNEDY and party were leaving Embassy Room through kitchen exit, a series of shots were fired by an unknown individual, subsequently identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. Senator KENNEDY fell backward onto floor, critically wounded with bullet in brain. SIRHAN wrestled to floor, disarmed, and turned over to Los Angeles, California, Police Department (LAPD). SIRHAN refused to admit identity to the LAPD, carried no identification, and booked as "JOHN DOE" on charge of assault to commit murder. Senator KENNEDY taken to Los Angeles Central Receiving Hospital for emergency treatment, and thereafter transported to nearby Hospital of the Good Samaritan, 1212 Shatto Street, Los Angeles. Neurosurgeons operated on Senator KENNEDY for about four hours to remove fragmented .22 caliber bullet in right brain area. Senator KENNEDY succumbed to brain injuries at 1:44 a.m., 6/6/68. Autopsy conducted. Cause of death on Death Certificate shown as "gunshot wound of right mastoid penetrating brain." On 6/6/68, jet provided by the President of the United States left Los Angeles International Airport for New York City, transporting body of Senator KENNEDY and some members of family, friends, and staff. Other victims of shooting by SIRHAN were Mrs. ELIZABETH EVANS, Saugus, California, leg wound and scalp laceration; IRA GOLDSTEIN, Encino, California, back and leg wounds; PAUL HERMAN SCHRADE, Los Angeles, scalp wound; WILLIAM

SWEET WEISEL, Washington, D. C., abdominal wound; and IRWIN NEIL STROLL, Los Angeles, foot wound. Five victims recovering satisfactorily. Room of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California, searched by LAPD after receiving oral consent from brother, ADEL SIRHAN. Among items found and seized by LAPD were numerous pages of handwriting. One page dated 5/18/68, contained numerous sentences among which were, "My determination to eliminate RFK is becoming more the more of an unshakeable obsession." "RFK must die - RFK must be killed. Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated." Near the bottom of this page is written, "Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated before 5 June 68." Other pages contain similar statements. Weapon taken from SIRHAN at time of shooting is .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol, Serial Number H53725. Pistol contained eight shots and all shots expended. Pistol sold in Pasadena, California, in 1965 to ALBERT LESLIE HERTZ, and subsequent ownership traced through several owners to MUNIR SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. MUNIR SIRHAN purchased weapon in mid-February 1968, at which time accompanied by SIRHAN, who loaned him six dollars toward purchase. LAPD advised one bullet removed from Senator KENNEDY's body definitely fired from this .22 caliber pistol. 1956 De Soto, registered to SIRHAN, located by FBI Agents 6/5/68, a few blocks from Ambassador Hotel. LAPD obtained search warrant and searched vehicle, locating two lead projectiles on front seat. An empty box for .22 caliber bullets found in glove compartment. Sales receipt in glove compartment revealed purchase 6/1/68, of four boxes of .22 caliber bullets in San Gabriel, California. Los Angeles County Grand Jury, 6/7/68, returned True Bill charging SIRHAN with one count murder and five counts assault with deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. Arraigned 6/7/68; date of plea set for 6/28/68. Judge issued court order restricting comment by any public official or anyone connected with case. SIRHAN confined Los Angeles County Central Jail under strict security measures. LAPD has attempted to interview SIRHAN but he refuses to discuss shooting. Investigation determined SIRHAN born 3/19/44, in Jerusalem. Entered U. S. in 1957 with parents and family. Attended junior high school, high school, and

junior college in Pasadena, California, 1957 to 1965. Mother and brothers living in Pasadena advise SIRHAN had no female associates and very few male friends. Has reputation of being "loner" who did not drink or smoke, always had great ambitions, but continually failed to reach his goals. SIRHAN reportedly had little communication with other members of family and read a great deal of books concerning history or politics. In September 1966, SIRHAN thrown from horse and reportedly injured head. Received \$2,000 settlement from insurance company for this injury. SIRHAN's mother advised in her opinion he was never the same person following this fall. GAYMOARD MISTRI, Pasadena, advised that shortly after 6:00 p.m., 6/4/68, SIRHAN joined him in local Pasadena restaurant. MISTRI talked with SIRHAN while SIRHAN ate dinner and then both walked across street to Pasadena City College. SIRHAN departed between 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., 6/4/69, without indicating any definite plans for evening after MISTRI indicated he did not want to play pool that evening. HUMPHREY CORDERO and ENRIQUE RABAGO advised had conversation with individual, subsequently identified as SIRHAN, at approximately 9:30 p.m., 6/4/68, at the Ambassador Hotel. Both of opinion SIRHAN was at Ambassador alone, and no one appeared to be accompanying him during the ten minutes they talked. SIRHAN reportedly made derogatory comments regarding "rich people" in general and Senator KENNEDY in particular. SIRHAN told RABAGO that KENNEDY was going to "buy the Presidency" for personal reasons and referred to KENNEDY as an "S.O.B." Neither CORDERO nor RABAGO had further conversation with SIRHAN during the evening of 6/4/68, and neither had ever seen him before. SIRHAN reportedly vocal in support of Arab effort in Arab-Israeli conflict, and anti-Semitic.

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PREDICATION

Investigation into all aspects of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968, is being conducted upon the request of the Attorney General of the United States. The investigation is being conducted under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
ON JUNE 5, 1968

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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS
CONCERNING SHOOTING FROM
LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

At approximately 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, moments after delivering an election victory speech before a crowd of approximately 1,000 people in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot by an unidentified assailant. The shooting occurred as Senator KENNEDY and his entourage left the ballroom through a kitchen exit.

The assailant, later identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, fired a series of shots in rapid succession, injuring five other individuals in the melee.

As Senator KENNEDY fell backward onto the floor, SIRHAN was seized by Los Angeles Rams Lineman ROOSEVELT GRIER and wrestled to the floor by GRIER and former Olympic Decathlon Champion RAFER JOHNSON, who disarmed SIRHAN of a .22 caliber revolver.

SIRHAN, who carried no identification and refused to admit his identity, was turned over to the Los Angeles Police Department and booked as "John Doe" on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

Senator KENNEDY, at that time, was believed to have been shot in the head and right shoulder and was subsequently taken to the Los Angeles Central Receiving Hospital for emergency treatment. He was immediately thereafter transported to Hospital of the Good Samaritan, 1212 Shatto Street, Los Angeles, which is approximately three and one-half blocks from the Central Receiving Hospital.

Upon his arrival at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, six neurosurgeons operated on Senator KENNEDY for approximately four hours to remove the .22 caliber bullet which had fragmented into several parts in his right brain area.

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Senator KENNEDY succumbed to brain injuries at 1:44 AM on June 6, 1968, at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, Los Angeles.

At approximately 11:05 AM, June 6, 1968, the autopsy on the body of Senator KENNEDY was completed.

At 1:28 PM, June 6, 1968, a jet, provided by the President of the United States, left Los Angeles International Airport for New York City, transporting the body of Senator KENNEDY, some of the members of his family, friends, and members of his staff.

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The following is a photograph of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY accompanied by his wife, ETHEL, toward the conclusion of his victory speech given at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. This photograph was made available by Lieutenant C. F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department.



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The following is a photograph of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY immediately after being shot, on the floor of the kitchen area of the Embassy Room in the Ambassador Hotel at Los Angeles, California. JUAN ROMERO, a busboy at the hotel, is attempting to assist him. This photograph was taken by "Los Angeles Times" photographer BORIS YARO.



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On June 7, 1968, Lieutenant C. F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, furnished SA EDWARD A. PLEVACK a photograph taken at the scene of the assassination. This photograph depicts Senator KENNEDY apparently on the floor of the Embassy kitchen area with an unknown individual holding his head from the floor. Beneath his head appears to be a pool of blood.



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The following is a photograph of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY being comforted as he lies on the floor of the kitchen area to the rear of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Directly beneath his head being supported by an unknown individual, a pool of blood has accumulated as a result of the injuries. The photograph was made available by Lieutenant C. F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department.



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The following is a photograph of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY lying on the floor of the Embassy Room kitchen shortly after having been shot. Some unidentified person had placed a pair of rosary beads in his right hand. The photograph was made available by Lieutenant C. F. HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department.



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Date 6/8/68

DONALD CLAUS RUS, 10951 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, California, telephone 632-7897 advised he is employed as an ambulance driver for the City of Los Angeles presently assigned to the Boyle Heights Station, 2111 East First Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone 483-7311, extension 32. He advised that he has ten years experience as an ambulance driver for the City of Los Angeles and a total of 15 years experience as an ambulance driver. He stated he is presently working a shift from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. He stated on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968 he was assigned as a driver to Central Receiving Hospital, 1401 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California.

He further advised he appeared before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on June 7, 1968 and testified to his knowledge of the events surrounding the KENNEDY shooting.

RUS furnished the following signed statement which he advised was substantially the same testimony which he furnished to the Grand Jury:

"6/8/68

Los Angeles, Calif.

"I, DONALD C. RUS, am employed as an ambulance driver for the city of Los Angeles, California. I was so employed on the night of June 4 - 5th.

"At about 12:20 a.m., on June 5th, I and my partner, TOM RATLIFF, were in ambulance G-15, at Sixth Street and Alvarado, without any patients in vehicle. I heard a radio call of an ambulance - shooting at 3400 Wilshire Blvd., at which time I told my partner that address was the Ambassador Hotel. I was not assigned to respond to this call. We proceeded to Central Receiving Hospital at 1401 West 6th St. to turn in time and hospital records.

6/8/68 Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

SA FRED B. LAFFERTY, III and
by SA BERNARD P. FLANIGAN BPF/nmb Date dictated 6/8/68

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"At about 12:25 a.m., I was in the ambulance office with several other drivers and attendants. I noticed a yellow cab drive to ambulance entrance of hospital. There was a motorcycle escort guard with the taxi cab. One of the passengers of the cab entered room requesting help because someone had been shot. Then, about six drivers and attendants went outside to ambulance ramp and observed a young white male sitting in rear of the cab. I assisted him removing him from the cab and placed him in a wheelchair. I determined he had bullet wounds in his left leg. Attendant TOM RATLIFF took the patient into the hospital and I ordered the cab and the motorcycle to clear the ambulance area. The man who came in the ambulance office told us KENNEDY was shot.

"At this time, approximately 12:30 a.m. ambulance G-18 arrived at the ambulance ramp. The ambulance backed up to the dock. I opened the rear door of the ambulance. I opened the Gilson belt, a belt which covers the rear door and is a protective device in case the rear doors of the ambulance doors open. In the rear of the ambulance, I observed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on the stretcher. MAX BEHRMANN, the attendant was at the rear of the ambulance. Mrs. ETHEL KENNEDY was sitting next to BEHRMANN. There was at least another white female in the ambulance rear. ROBERT HULSMAN was the ambulance driver. In the cab, I observed Mr. BARRY, KENNEDY's bodyguard and at least one other person riding in the cab. Dr. BAZILASKAS entered the ambulance and attended to Mr. KENNEDY. I released the stretcher and proceeded to roll it from the ambulance. We wheeled the stretcher inside the hospital to treatment room #2. As we were entering room #2, Mrs. KENNEDY, grabbed a camera from a news cameraman and knocked it to the floor. She also swung at him and hit him in the chest area.

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"KENNEDY's bodyguard jumped over the stretcher and attacked the photographer. They wrestled with each other for several seconds and were separated by L.A.P.D. officers, Hospital Detail. I then wheeled the stretcher into room # 2 and helped lift Mr. KENNEDY onto the treatment table. I removed the stretcher from room # 2. In treatment room # 2, there were doctors, nurses, and members of the KENNEDY group.

"I was then paged over the public address system and dispatched to the Ambassador Hotel as a request for 2 more ambulances had been received. RATLIFF and I drove ambulance G-15 to the hotel. On arrival, we were guided to rear entrance of the hotel. We took our stretcher and first-aid kit and entered the hotel by the rear entrance. We were guided to the freight elevator which we took to the third floor. We were guided through the corridors. We located one victim in a corridor. He was lying on the floor. We examined him and determined he was not critical. I do not recall his injuries. We left him and told him a private ambulance following us would take him. We were led into the Embassy Room where we found Mrs. EVANS. She was just to the left of the speakers stand in the Embassy Room. The room very crowded with people. The time was about 12:40 a.m. Mrs. EVANS was lying on her back on a table. There was a man, who claimed he was a doctor attending to her. He said she had a 'bleeder' in the forehead. RATLIFF and I examined her and determined she had a laceration on her forehead. We applied a pressure dressing over the wound and placed her on the stretcher. We were then advised of another injury of a photographer who had been hit in the head with a camera. We examined him and determined he had a laceration on the rear of the head. We took both patients down the freight elevator and out the rear entrance. We loaded them in

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"in the ambulance and proceeded to Central Receiving, Code 3. On arrival at the hospital, we unloaded the patients and placed them in treatment rooms.

"At about 1:00 a.m. I went to treatment room # 2 and assisted transferring Mr. KENNEDY from treatment table to stretcher. We wheeled the stretcher out to the loading ramp and placed it into ambulance G-16. Mrs. KENNEDY and several other people in the KENNEDY group and a doctor went in this ambulance which was transferring Mr. KENNEDY from Central Receiving Hospital to Good Samaritan Hospital at Lucas and Shatto St. about 4 blocks from Central Receiving. During the time we were loading Mr. KENNEDY into ambulance, the hospital corridors and entrance were jammed with crowds. We were slowed in our efforts to load him into the ambulance due to the large unruly crowd in and in front of the hospital.

"During the course of the entire affair, I saw or heard nothing which could aid in identifying a suspect or could be evidence to the shooting.

"I have read this written statement which is six pages long. I have initialed all page and corrections. This is a true statement.

"/s/ DONALD C. RUS, 6/3/68

"Witness:

/s/ SA BERNARD P. FLANIGAN, FBI, 6/8/68, Los Angeles, California
/s/ SA FRED B. LAFFERTY, FBI, 6/8/68, Los Angeles, California."

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MAX ALMA BEHRMANN, residence address 6259 De Longpre Avenue, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following signed statement to SAs RUSSELL C. ANDERSON and PHILIP G. JACKSON:

"I, Max Alma Behrmann make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agents Philip G. Jackson and Russell C. Anderson who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am 48 years of age; reside at 6259 De Longpre Ave, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 464-7948. I have been employed by the City of Los Angeles for the last 19 years as an ambulance driver, and last October, 1967, I changed my position to that of an ambulance attendant. In March and April of 1968, as a part of a continuing program of in-service training, I received approximately 20 hours of emergency first aid instruction. I am presently working out of the Central Receiving Hospital, 1401 West 6th Street, Los Angeles, California.

"On June 5th, 1968 I received a call from Miss Norma Case, Dispatcher, at the previously mentioned hospital, that there was a report of an injury at the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard and the location was noted as the Embassy Room. I went with my driver, Robert Hulsman, residence address La Puente, California in ambulance unit number G-18 to the Ambassador Hotel.

"We proceeded, code 3, which means red lights and siren and I noted the time as 12:17 A.M. June 5, 1968. We drove down Wilshire Boulevard and entered the Ambassador Hotel parking lot and stopped the ambulance at the front parking lot close by the kitchen entrance.

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SAs PHILIP G. JACKSON &
by RUSSELL C. ANDERSON/RCA/vjh Date dictated 6/8/68

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"I then saw a man described as a white male, American, six feet tall, 175 pounds, wearing an olive green suit and he said to me, 'bring a stretcher, follow me up the stairs.' I was rolling the stretcher and knew I could not get it up the stairs. I and my driver then went to an elevator and a hotel employee described as a white male 6 feet, 160 pounds, who I know as a handyman took us to the second floor. I then went to the second floor kitchen and it was very crowded and congested. I noted as I came near the victim there was a woman wiping the forehead of this individual with a cloth. I noted a white male, unknown to me, close by the victim.

"I then noted a pool of blood underneath the head of the victim. I knealt down again to pick Mr. Kennedy up and place him on the stretcher. As I knelt down by the victim the woman wiping the victim's head tried to pull me away and said, 'keep your hands off of him, I'm Mrs. Kennedy.'

"I then said to Mrs. Kennedy, 'We are from Central Receiving Hospital, Emergency Ambulance Crew and we are here to help you.' Mrs. Kennedy then replied 'I don't care who you are.'

"I then said to Mrs. Kennedy, 'We had a call here, If you don't want me to examine your husband, what do you want me to do?'

"I then heard an unknown white male standing close by say, 'Hurry hurry lets get him on the stretcher.'

"I then heard Mr. Kennedy say, 'No no don't please.' At this point Mrs. Kennedy tried to pull me away."

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"The driver and myself then put Mr. Kennedy on the stretcher, and wrapped him in a blanket. I noted the white male pushing people away from in front of the stretcher and some people were falling over and tripping over each other. We got on the elevator with Mrs. Kennedy and a white male and the previously mentioned handyman was controlling the elevator.

"The elevator went by the first floor to the basement and then returned to the first floor. At this point I had not heard that the victim, Mr. Kennedy, had been shot.

"I then moved the stretcher out of the elevator and out to the ambulance. I noted that the white male was pulling on the stretcher so that I could not move it along and he said, 'take it easy.'

"I then said to this white male, 'For Christ's sake, let go so I can get him to the ambulance.'

"I then heard Mrs. Kennedy say, 'Don't hurry don't hurry.' I did not specifically notice any policemen immediately around me but it was extremely congested and people were shoving each other around. We lifted Mr. Kennedy into the ambulance and locked the stretcher in place. I then said to Mrs. Kennedy 'Would you get in please'. I observed standing with her was a white, male, American, age 60, weight 150, 5 feet 8 inches, medium build receding lt. brown hair, wearing a dark brown suit.

"This man then got into the ambulance and then Mrs. Kennedy entered the ambulance and I entered it. The driver, Hulsman came to the rear and started to fasten the safety webbing."

"I said, 'Robert, please come on lets go to the hospital.' Robert then closed the doors. I then noted that Mrs. Kennedy opened 1 door and pointed to a white, female, wearing a white dress and said, 'I want that lady in white to go with me.'

"I recall that just prior to Mrs. Kennedy opening rear door mentioned above I took Mr. Kennedy's pulse and I would say it was very weak.

"I then said to Mrs. Kennedy, 'No, I'm not taking her with me.' I said to the driver, 'Bob come on close the doors, lets go.' The driver was having difficulty closing the rear doors and I said 'Put them in the front seat and lets go.'

"I then said to Mrs. Kennedy, 'Just for the records, Please, what happened?' At this point Mrs. Kennedy said, 'I don't give a damn what you say' and at this point Mrs. Kennedy grabbed my ambulance call record book and threw it out of the rear of the ambulance. I had noted on the ambulance call record ticket the following information: number B 20588, date 6/5/68, Division G 18, location Ambassador Hotel, received 12:17 A.M. and arrived at location 12:22 AM., Name Kennedy, address, Ambassador Hotel.

"I then noted that the driver closed the rear doors and I said, 'Come one Bob lets go, We've got a police escort.' I noted a police car in front of our ambulance and just before we pulled out 2 white males got in the front with the driver and we left.

"I noted that Mr. Kennedy was taking deep breaths, I reached over him to get an air-wick to insert in Mr. Kennedy's throat to aid"

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"hisbreathing prior to putting on an air-mask but elected not to use it (the air wick) in view of Mrs. Kennedy's behavior. I then reached under Mr. Kennedy's head to lift it up so I might put the band over his head which holds the air mask.

"At this point Mrs. Kennedy said, 'You keep your dirty filthy hands off my husband.' 'Mrs. Kennedy then said, 'How do you know the air is on?' and I replied, 'you can hear it.'

"As we were proceeding to the hospital I again asked Mrs. Kennedy, 'Can you tell me what happened?' and she replied, 'I don't give a Goddamn what you want to know.'

"I then tried to place the previously mentioned guaze compress on the left side of Mr. Kennedy's head as he was bleeding profusely and breathing in deep gasps. At this point I was struck on the right side of my face by Mrs. Kennedy and I can only state I was stunned.

"I next recall Mrs. Kennedy saying 'Bruce, come back here and throw this ambulance man out; he's bothering me; he's asking too many questions.'

"I next recall that the white male was attempting to crawl through from the cab to the body of the ambulance. At this point the driver pulled him back and said, 'Sit there or you can cause an accident.'

"As the ambulance approached the hospital I could see that a large number of people had gathered. As Robert tried to back the ambulance up to the off-leading dock an individual by the name of Rus, who is employed at the hospital as an ambulance driver opened the rear doors and dropped the webbing. At this point Dr. Bas"

"(phonetic, not his full name) entered the ambulance and I said to him, 'What do you want Doc?' and he replied I want to examine Mr. Kennedy.' I then said to Dr. Bas, 'Not here Doc, in the treatment room where you belong.'

"I next recall getting out of the ambulance and then Mrs. Kennedy got out. The driver and I took the stretcher out and started to go through the entry doors. At this point a photographer took two pictures and Mrs. Kennedy then said 'Get that man', and pointed at the photographer. I then observed the white male leap over the stretcher and strike the photographer full in the face and he fell to the ground.

"I then worked the stretcher through the crowd and into treatment room number 2. I then heard Dr. Bas say, 'Come on, hurry let's get him on the table so I can examine him.' At this point Dr. Bas placed his hands under the middle back of Mr. Kennedy and attempted to lift Mr. Kennedy up onto the table. I observed that Dr. Bas lifted Mr. Kennedy approximately 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ feet ($1\frac{1}{2}$) off the stretcher and Robert and myself brought the stretcher up as he was being lifted. At this point Dr. Bas lost his balance and he (Dr. Bas) falls forward toward the table and placed Mr. Kennedy on the table. I observed that when Dr. Bas lifted Mr. Kennedy the oxygen bottle that was between his legs fell to the floor and the air mask was subsequently left on Mr. Kennedy's face but the air tube had been pulled out.

"At this point the driver and myself took the other items, put them on the stretcher and moved it out of treatment room #2.

"At this point, in the hall, I pointed to the white male previously referred to as having"

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"struck the photographer and I said, 'I want to file a complaint against him.' This was said in the presence of a Los Angeles Detective who is normally stationed at Central Receiving Hospital.

"At this point the previously mentioned individual above said to me, 'I'm going to file a complaint against you too; what's your name?' I then said, 'Ask my supervisor he's right over there,' and I pointed to Mr. Paul Clum my immediate supervisor.

"The next event I can recall is that the dispatcher notified me that I should return to the Ambassador Hotel as there had been a shooting. I then said to Norma Case, the dispatcher, 'In other words, Mr. Kennedy that we just brought in has been shot,' and she said 'I guess so.' The dispatcher then told me they were sending 5 or 6 more ambulances to the Ambassador Hotel.

"I then returned to the Ambassador Hotel and picked up a white male, age 52 - 55, weight 200, name not given, who indicated to me that he had been shot. After the driver and I placed this man in the ambulance a Negro male, age 50, wearing a dark brown suit stated he was a Doctor and requested to go along in the ambulance. I was further requested by a white male wearing a white shirt and a dark tie who identified himself as a Doctor, if he could also go along in the ambulance and I indicated he could. This individual being transported was asked by me, 'Would you like me to remove the hat from beneath your head and he replied, 'No I'm fine, tell your partner to go fast, but not too fast'.

"The next event I can recall after returning to the hospital was a telephone call I received from an officer at the Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division whose name"

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"I recall to be Wilson. He stated that an individual in the Kennedy party that identified himself as Barry had 'complained charges' against you, that you struck Mrs. Kennedy.

"I replied that I did not touch her at any time other than to help her into the ambulance, but Mrs. Kennedy did strike me, and I further advised him of all the details of the early morning hours of June 5, 1968.

"I remained at the hospital until approximately noon on June 5, 1968 writing a hand-written account of the events that took place during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968.

"I have read this statement of this page and eleven other pages and it is true and correct and best of my knowledge.

"Max Alma Behrmann

"Witnesses

/s/Philip G. Jackson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles.

/s/Russell C. Anderson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles."

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MAX ALMA BEHRMANN, residence address 6259 De Longpre Avenue, Los Angeles, furnished the following voluntary information to SAs RUSSELL C. ANDERSON and PHILIP G. JACKSON, who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

MAX ALMA BEHRMANN stated that, on June 5, 1968 at approximately 6:30 P.M., he received a telephone call at his residence from a reporter on the Washington Post, name not recalled who related the following: "We have a report on the teletype from Los Angeles, California and I would like to verify it with you as to whether it is true or not." This reporter then asked BEHRMANN if it was true that Mrs. KENNEDY was suing him for a half a million dollars, and he replied, "Oh, my God, no, I don't know; I'm sleepy, I've been trying to get some sleep all day." This reporter then thanked him and he hung up.

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

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Lieutenant CHARLES HUGHES, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), made available the following copy of the Medical Treatment Record of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, victim of shooting at the Ambassador Hotel.

This Medical Treatment Record is from the City of Los Angeles, Central Receiving Hospital, and is a handwritten copy of the original.

Lieutenant HUGHES advised that the original of this record is being utilized for the Grand Jury Hearing, being conducted on June 7, 1968, and is, therefore, not available at this time. The original of this record will be available through appropriate subpoena if required for any Federal court proceedings at a later date.

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CENTRAL REC. HOSPITAL

CITY OF LOS ANGELES — RECEIVING HOSPITAL
MEDICAL TREATMENT RECORD

NAME (Last, First, Middle) <i>Kennedy, Robert F</i>				ADDRESS				CITY <i>New York</i>	ZIP <i>Washington</i>
PHONE NUMBER	SEX <i>M.</i>	RACE <i>F.</i>	BIRTHDATE	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	(M.S.W.D.)	OCCUPATION <i>Seaman</i>		
ACCIDENT LOCATION <i>Embassy Hotel</i>					ACCIDENT (Date and Time)		EMPLOYER		
STATEMENT OF ACCIDENT <i>Shooting</i>							EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS		
HOW ENTERED? ☐ WALKED ☐ WHEELCHAIR ☒ STRETCHER ☐ CARRIED IN		BROUGHT IN BY <i>G-18</i>		EMPLOYER'S PHONE					
☐ CITY AMBULANCE ☐ PRIVATE AMBULANCE ☐ PRIVATE CAR ☐ POLICE CAR									
REMARKS <i>Went here - last night. 1968 Jan 5 12:35 AM</i> <i>Went here with patient</i>									
HOW LEFT HOSPITAL ☒ WHEELCHAIR ☐ WALKED ☐ CARRIED		AMBULANCE <i>G-18</i>		CALLED BY <i>Vanessa</i>		WHERE TAKEN <i>Central Samaritan Hotel</i>			
RELATIVES OR FRIENDS NOTIFIED ☐ YES ☐ NO		BY WHOM <i>Vanessa</i>		ACCOMPANIED BY <i>Dr Hart accompanied</i>		Stat code 3			
INDUSTRIAL INJURY ☐ YES ☐ NO		INSURANCE CARRIER		SOCIAL SECURITY NO.					
IS PATIENT INSURED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		SPECIFY TYPE (Blue Cross, Kaiser, CPS)		MEMBER NUMBER		GROUP NUMBER		CODE/SCHED.	
NAME OF SUBSCRIBER:				SURGEON ON DUTY <i>Bay-Hart</i>		NURSE ON DUTY <i>Edy Nelson</i>			

RH 340-3-67

APD at 2:00

TR 2

1968 Jan 5 12:35 AM

OUT EST 11:47 AM 1968 Jan 5 12:35 AM

CLINICAL RECORD

WAS PATIENT ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS INTELLIGENTLY? ☐ YES ☐ NO	Blood Pressure <i>70</i>	EMERGENCY CARE: Treatment ☒ Tetanus ☐	TOTAL CHARGES \$ <i>70</i>	Statement/Receipt No. <i>70</i>
WAS PATIENT UNDRESSED? ☐ COMPLETELY ☐ PARTIALLY	Pulse 	Temperature 		Ambulance Call Record No.

Opinion and/or Findings:

Comatose, weak thready pulse in extremities
 Bullet wound at medial area of swelling
 Responded to heart beat + breathing to CCM + heart lung machine
 Sounds good quality later. DTR's normal, elevated lenses
 Pupils 3-4mm R + R + E - Rigidity began to relax
 quivering abd tremors

Treatment and Advice:

E. Cardiac Massage - Adrenaline 1cc, 5.1st Cx. Artery
 H-L Machine - Cardiac Defibrillator 1000 J. Cardiac Massage
 Blood drawn T + X-rayed polygraph sent to lab
 Still in good Sam.

Narcotic Admin.	Time/By	Repeat/By	Condition on Discharge
			(1st) - 1st (2nd) - 2nd (3rd) - 3rd
Surgeon's Signature <i>W. J. L. L. L.</i>		Patient's Signature if Complete Exam Refused <i>W. J. L. L. L.</i>	

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Clerk FRANCIS S. CHAMBERS, Los Angeles County Coroner's Record Bureau, Hall of Justice, telephone MADison 9-2451, Extension 82401, advised that the Certificate of Death for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been completed and issued, had been sent to the Hall of Records, Ninth Floor, for filing with the Los Angeles County Health Department, Death Certificate Records.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

LOCAL REGISTRATION DISTRICT AND CERTIFICATE NUMBER

STATE FILE NUMBER		1A. NAME OF DECEASED—FIRST NAME		1B. MIDDLE NAME		1C. LAST NAME		2A. DATE OF DEATH—MONTH, DAY, YEAR		2B. HOUR	
		Robert		Francis		Kennedy		June 6, 1968		1:44 AM	
DECEDENT PERSONAL DATA		3. SEX		4. COLOR OR RACE		5. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)		6. DATE OF BIRTH		7. AGE (LAST BIRTHDAY)	
5		M		White		Brookline, Mass.		11/20/25		42 YEARS	
		6. NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER		9. MAIDEN NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER							
		Joseph P. Kennedy Boston, Mass.		Rose Fitzgerald Boston, Mass.							
		10. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY		11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		12. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY)		13. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, ENTER MAIDEN NAME)			
		U.S.A.				married		Ethel Skakel			
		14. LAST OCCUPATION		15. AGE OF DECEASED IN THIS OCCUPATION		16. NAME OF LAST EMPLOYING COMPANY OR FIRM (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, SO STATE)		17. KIND OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS			
		U.S. Senator		4 years		United States Government		Government			
PLACE OF DEATH		18A. PLACE OF DEATH—NAME OF HOSPITAL OR OTHER IN-PATIENT FACILITY		18B. STREET ADDRESS—(STREET AND NUMBER, OR LOCATION)		18C. COUNTY		18D. LENGTH OF STAY IN COUNTY OF DEATH		18E. LENGTH OF STAY IN CALIFORNIA	
		Good Samaritan Medical Center		1212 Shatto Street		Los Angeles		10 days YEARS		10 days YEARS	
		18D. CITY OR TOWN		18E. STATE							
		Los Angeles		New York							
USUAL RESIDENCE (IF DEATH OCCURRED IN INSTITUTION, ENTER RESIDENCE BEFORE ADMISSION)		19A. USUAL RESIDENCE—STREET ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION)		19B. INSIDE CITY CORPORATE LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO)		20. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF INFORMANT					
		870 United Nations Plaza		yes		Ethel S. Kennedy					
		19C. CITY OR TOWN		19D. COUNTY		19E. STATE		Same as 19A			
		New York		New York		New York					
PHYSICIAN'S OR CORONER'S CERTIFICATION		21A. CORONER: I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED ABOVE FROM THE CAUSES STATED BELOW AND THAT I HAVE HELD ON THE REMAINS OF DECEASED AS REQUIRED BY LAW		21B. PHYSICIAN: I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE, AND PLACE STATED ABOVE FROM THE CAUSES STATED BELOW AND THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM		21C. PHYSICIAN OR CORONER—(NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER)		21D. ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION)		21E. CITY AND COUNTY	
		INVESTIGATION				Therese M. M... June 6, 1968		CORONER—LOS ANGELES COUNTY		LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	
FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND LOCAL REGISTRAR		22A. SPECIFY BURIAL, ENTOMBMENT OR CREMATION		22B. DATE		23. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY		24. EMBALMER—SIGNATURE (IF BODY EMBALMED) LICENSE NUMBER		25. DATE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION BY LOCAL REGISTRAR	
		Burial		6-8-68		ARLINGTON NATL. CEM.		K... 3376		JUN 8 1968	
		25. NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR (OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH)		26. THIS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER (SPECIFY YES OR NO)		27. LOCAL REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE					
		D... FAMILY				G... to					
CAUSE OF DEATH		29. PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:		ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR A, B, AND C						APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH	
		(A) IMMEDIATE CAUSE		GUNSHOT WOUND OF RIGHT MASTOID PENETRATING BRAIN							
		CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A), STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST.		(B) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF							
				(C) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF							
		30. PART II: OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS—CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I									
INJURY INFORMATION		33. SPECIFY ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE		34. PLACE OF INJURY (SPECIFY HOME, FARM, FACTORY, OFFICE BUILDING, ETC.)		35. INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO)		36A. DATE OF INJURY—MONTH, DAY, YEAR		36B. HOUR	
		HOMICIDE		HOTEL		NO		JUNE 5, 1968		12:15 AM	
		37A. PLACE OF INJURY (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION AND CITY OR TOWN)		37B. DISTANCE FROM PLACE OF INJURY TO USUAL RESIDENCE (ITEM 10)		38. WERE LABORATORY TESTS DONE FOR DRUGS OR TOXIC CHEMICALS (SPECIFY YES OR NO)		39. WERE LABORATORY TESTS DONE FOR ALCOHOL (SPECIFY YES OR NO)			
		3400 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES		3000 MILES		NO		NO			
		40. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WHICH RESULTED IN INJURY. NATURE OF INJURY SHOULD BE ENTERED IN ITEM 29)									
		SHOT BY KNOWN PERSON									
STATE REGISTRAR		A.		B.		C.		D.		E.	
										X	

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G. A. [Signature], M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer and Registrar

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Mr. HERBERT MC ROY, Administrative Deputy-Coroner, Department of Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, 104 Hall of Justice, 211 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, telephone MADison 9-2451, Extension 82480, furnished the following information:

Mr. MC ROY is the Administrative Assistant to Dr. THOMAS T. NOGUCHI, M.D., the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner of Los Angeles County. Dr. NOGUCHI was in charge of the autopsy performed that morning on Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mr. MC ROY advised that an individual from the Photographic Laboratory of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as their official photographer of the Coroner's Department had made photographs of the decedent.

Mr. MC ROY stated that the results of autopsy had been dictated that morning by Dr. NOGUCHI and were presently being transcribed into a rough draft form. When the rough draft form is completed, Mr. MC ROY stated that he and the doctor would then take time to edit and make necessary corrections after which the results would be placed in their final form for approval. Mr. MC ROY said that this might take from five to possibly seven days.

Mr. MC ROY said that just as soon as this report is completed and is approved that a copy will be made available to the FBI, that he would immediately telephone the FBI to advise when this copy is ready.

Mr. MC ROY said that a set of the photographs made by his department would also be available to the FBI, which are in color. Mr. MC ROY said he did not know for sure how many photographs were taken, perhaps 80 to 100. Mr. MC ROY agreed to make six sets of these photographs available to the FBI.

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CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING LAYOUT OF
AMBASSADOR HOTEL AREA WHERE SHOOTING OCCURRED

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ROBERT HUNTLEY, 6012 Condon Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he is self-employed doing business as Huntley Enterprises, Inc., with offices located in the arcade foyer, Ambassador Hotel, Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

He is the unofficial photographer for the Ambassador Hotel.

During the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, he was seated behind an open panel in the sloping ceiling of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel taking photographs of general interest of the KENNEDY contingent and supporters who were in the room below him. He was approximately 15 feet above the floor and approximately 50 feet from the podium directly across the room from ROBERT KENNEDY.

He was using a Topcon 35 mm camera with automatic diaphragm and shooting at 1/60 of a second. The camera was equipped with two lenses on a rotating swivel. One was a 135 mm lens and the other was a 53 mm wide-angle lens. He was using Tri-X black and white film.

He furnished three photographs and three negatives which were taken through the 53 mm wide-angle lens which were taken just prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He also furnished three photographs and three negatives taken through the 135 mm lens which were taken just subsequent to the shooting. All photographs show the crowd around the podium on the floor of the Embassy Room in the Ambassador Hotel.

The above photographs follow.

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by SA WALTER M. BRADY:jmk Date dictated 6/7/68

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FRANS STALPERS, Assistant Manager of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, was contacted to arrange for the photographing of the interior and exterior areas of the hotel which were involved directly or indirectly in the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

STALPERS directed SAA GREINER and FBI Photographer RICHARD FERNANDEZ to the Embassy Ballroom in which he said Senator KENNEDY had made his victory speech during the early morning of June 5, 1968, following the California State Primary Election.

STALPERS said that following Senator KENNEDY's speech from the speakers platform in front of the stage area of the Embassy Ballroom, the Senator made his exit through the stage area. After leaving the stage through double doors at the rear, he made a turn to the right in a corridor which leads to the serving kitchen area. STALPERS advised that he did not personally witness the route of exit being used by Senator KENNEDY, but he learned the details of same, he said, from talking to several other employees who were there.

STALPERS directed SAA GREINER and Photographer FERNANDEZ over the entire area where Senator KENNEDY had been immediately prior to the shooting and the route taken by him to the point where he was hit. STALPERS also provided copies of the floor plans of the hotel's Lobby and Casino Floors; the Embassy Ballroom being located on the Lobby Floor level, and the Ambassador Ballroom on the Casino level. He pointed out that the Senator KENNEDY party was utilizing both the Embassy and Ambassador Ballrooms.

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by SAA ALFRED C. GREINER Date dictated 6/8/68

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Pertinent portions of the floor plans furnished by FRANS STALPLER have been reproduced and copies precede each photograph which was taken. Each copy of the floor plan shows by means of a directional arrow where the picture was taken. Additionally the area covered by the photograph has been marked in blue line showing general area of view taken.

Following the photograph is a chart which shows the speakers platform, stage area, hallway and vestibule which leads to the kitchen serving area in which Senator KENNEDY was shot. The scale of this chart is approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch representing 20 feet. The x marks shown on the chart show locations where individuals were shot. The x mark in front of the ice machine reportedly represents the area where Senator KENNEDY had fallen after being shot.

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A description of the photographs taken and which follow is as follows:

- A-1 Outside view looking south showing far east end of the Embassy Ballroom (Open fire door) and the west end of the Ambassador Ballroom which is one floor below (Closed fire doors).
- A-2 A close up view of area described in A-1 above.
- A-3 Outside view taken from roof of Boulevard Room looking towards southeast which shows open fire door of the Embassy Ballroom. This fire door is located at the far northwest corner of the Embassy Ballroom.
- A-4 Outside view taken from roof of Ambassador Ballroom looking towards northeast and showing fire door of Embassy ballroom described in A-3 above.
- A-5 Outside view looking directly north showing fire escape steps and doors of the Ambassador Ballroom. Fire escape steps leading upwards from the fire doors lead to southwest corner fire door of Embassy Ballroom.
- A-6 Outside view taken from roof of Sunset Room looking towards northeast and showing fire doors and steps of the southwest corner of the Embassy Ballroom which lead down to fire door of the Ambassador Ballroom and then down to the street level.
- A-7 Same view of above area but showing portion of fire door of Ambassador Ballroom in far left corner of photograph.
- A-8 Outside view taken from roof of Ambassador Ballroom looking north and on same level of Embassy Ballroom. Location is just west of southwest fire doors of Embassy Ballroom. The stairs on roof lead to area as seen in photographs A-3 and A-4.

- B-1 Interior view of Embassy Ballroom looking from southwest corner to the center speaker platform area.
- B-2 Interior view of Embassy Ballroom looking in northerly direction to speaker's platform area. The speaker's platform was erected in front of the stage area shown in photo.
- B-3 Interior view of Embassy Ballroom looking from southeast corner towards speaker's platform area.
- B-4 Interior view of Embassy Ballroom looking from speaker's platform area to southwest corner of room and open fire door.
- B-5 Close up view of area described in B-4 above.
- C-1 Interior view of hallway which is located directly behind stage and speaker's platform area. View taken shows doors at rear of stage and in the distance are closed doors leading to serving kitchen area.
- C-2 Close up view of doorway leading into kitchen serving area.
- D-1 Interior view of kitchen serving area taken from far eastern end and looking towards the south showing doorway which leads to rest rooms and main entrance to Embassy Ballroom.
- D-2 Interior view of kitchen serving area taken from far eastern wall and looking west towards doors which Senator KENNEDY reportedly had entered.
- D-3 Interior view of area described above in D-2 but slightly more in a westerly direction.
- D-4 Interior view of kitchen serving area taken from the approximate location at which Senator KENNEDY was shot. Photograph shows ice machines to the left and the doorway leading into area from hallway behind stage and speaker's platform.

- D-5 Interior view of kitchen serving area looking south showing ice machines. The x marks on floor reportedly show locations in which the injured came to rest. The x shown on floor to far left reportedly is the location that Senator KENNEDY had fallen after being shot.

- E-1 View taken inside kitchen serving area showing doorway area leading into kitchen from the stage area. In lower right corner the photo shows two bullet holes which are circled. The portion of the panel missing also reportedly contained a bullet.

- E-2 A close up view of the two bullet holes of area described above.

- E-3 Close up view of two bullet holes which is located in center door frame inside kitchen serving area and looking towards direction of back of stage area.

- E-4 Close up view of upper hinge on door leading into kitchen area from back of stage area. View shows reported location of another bullet mark which struck hinge.

- F-1 Interior view behind stage and speakers platform area looking in westerly direction and showing entrance to stairway which leads down to the Casino level and the Ambassador Ballroom.

- F-2 View taken from Casino Level or Ambassador Ballroom floor level showing base of stairway which leads up to Embassy Ballroom.

- F-3 View taken from Ambassador Ballroom floor level in a northwesterly direction which shows fire doors leading to fire stairs shown in photos A-1 and A-2.

- G-1 View taken from Ambassador Ballroom floor level showing foyer area south of entrance to the Ambassador Ballroom which leads to fire doors shown in photographs A-5 and A-7.

- G-2 Close up view of photographed area described in G-1 above.

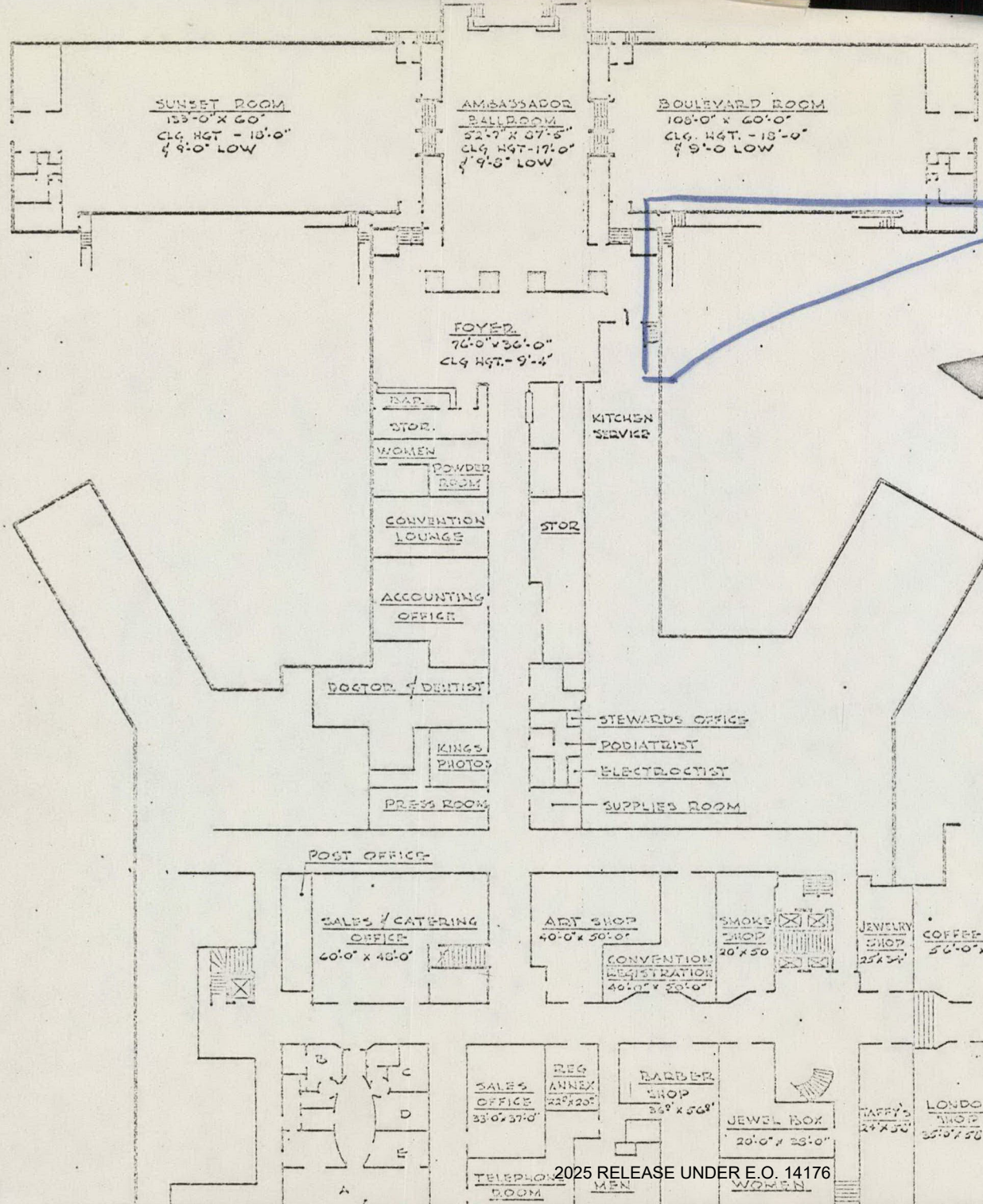
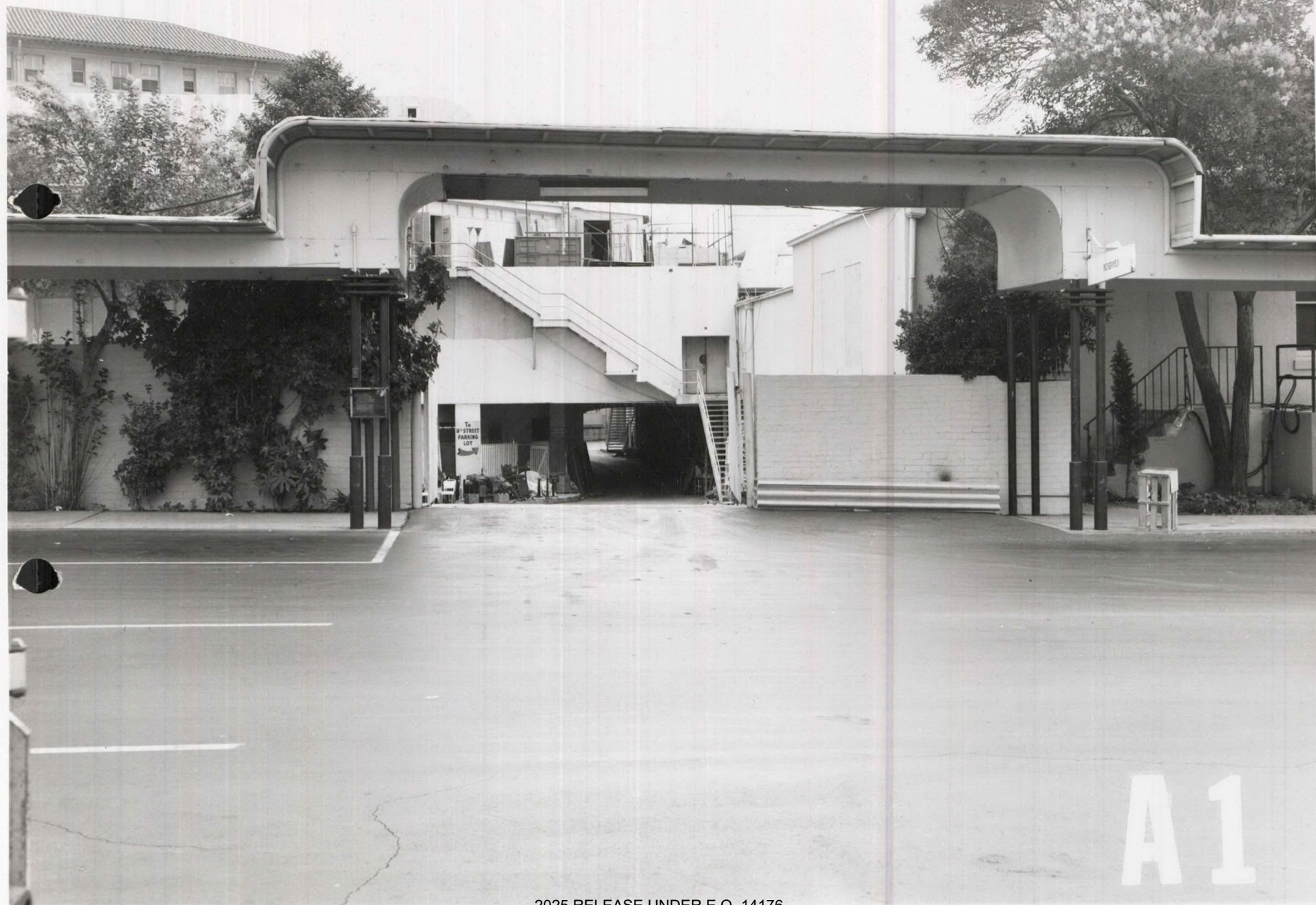


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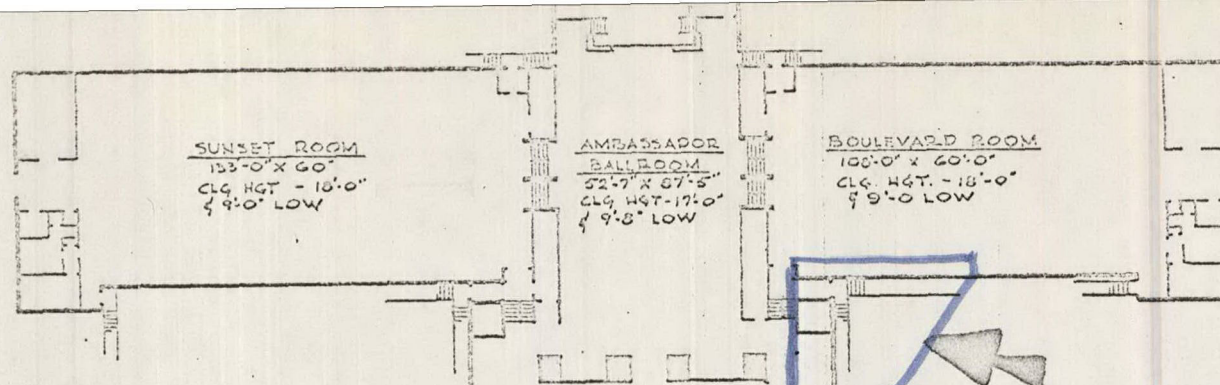
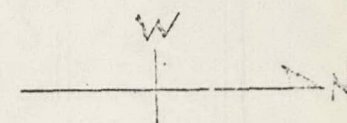
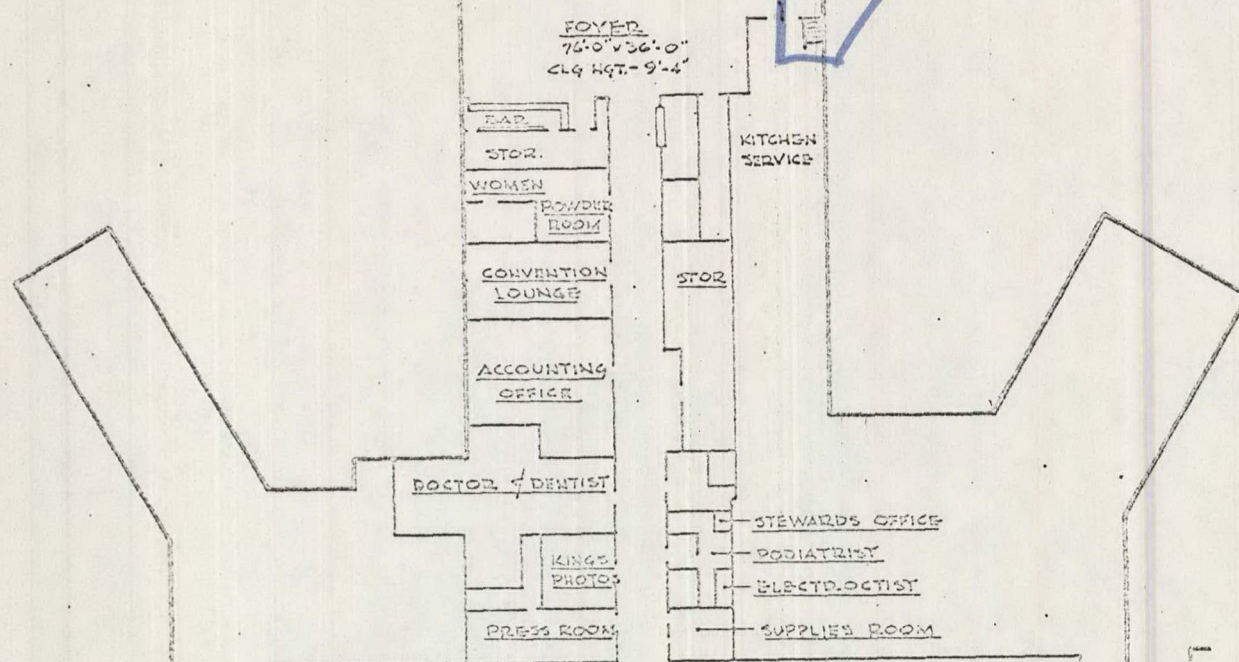


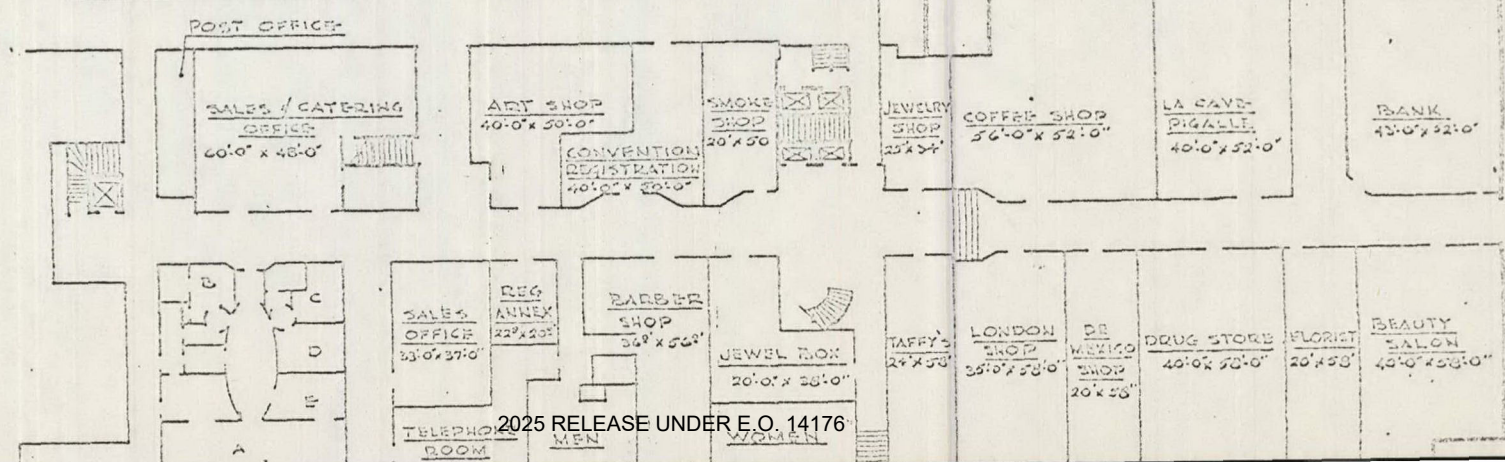
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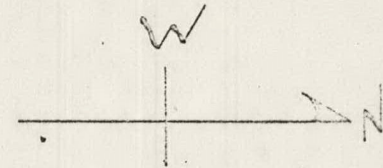




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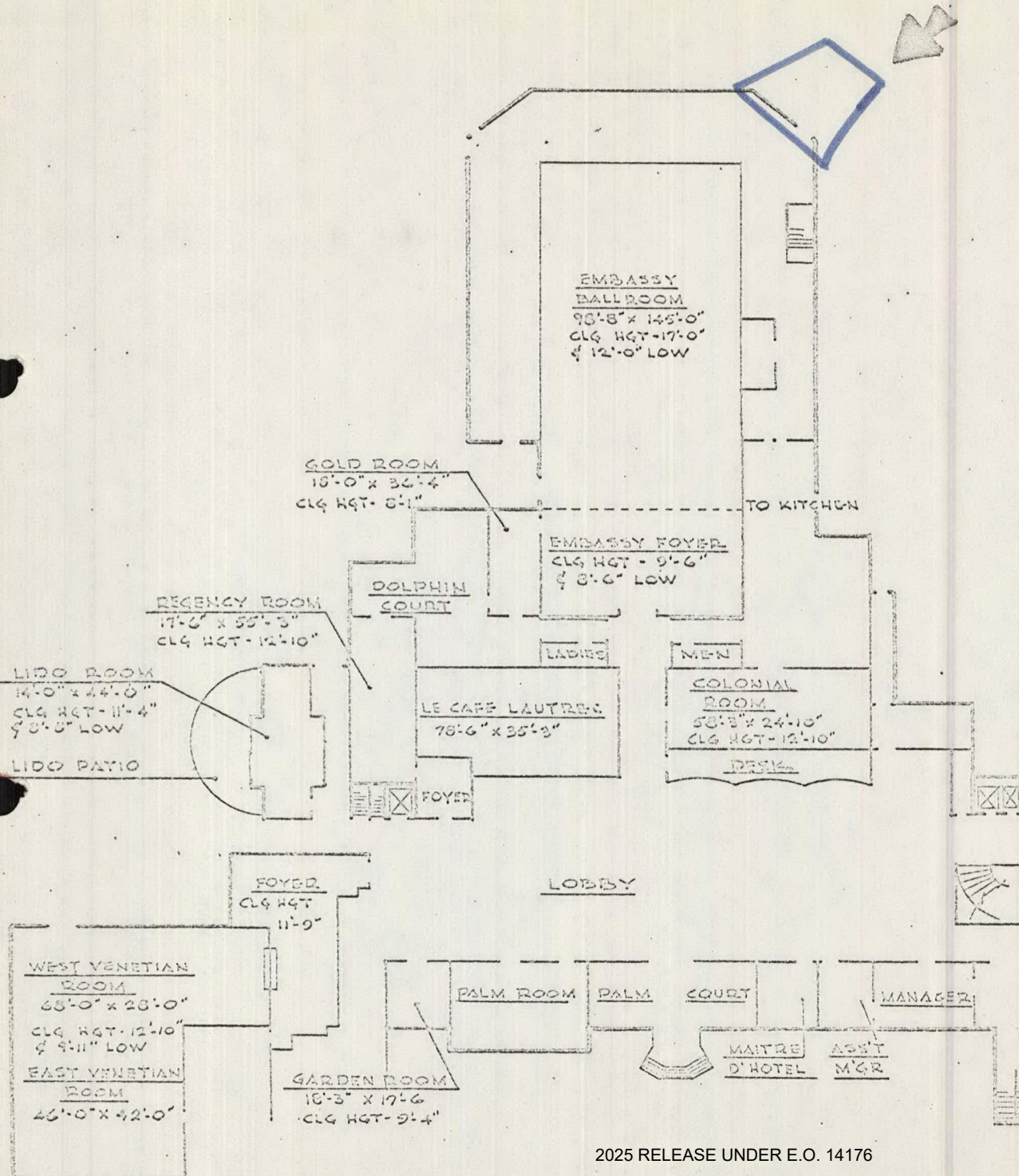
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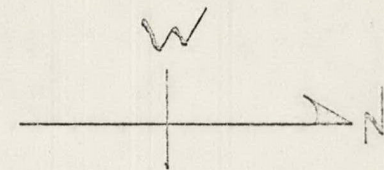
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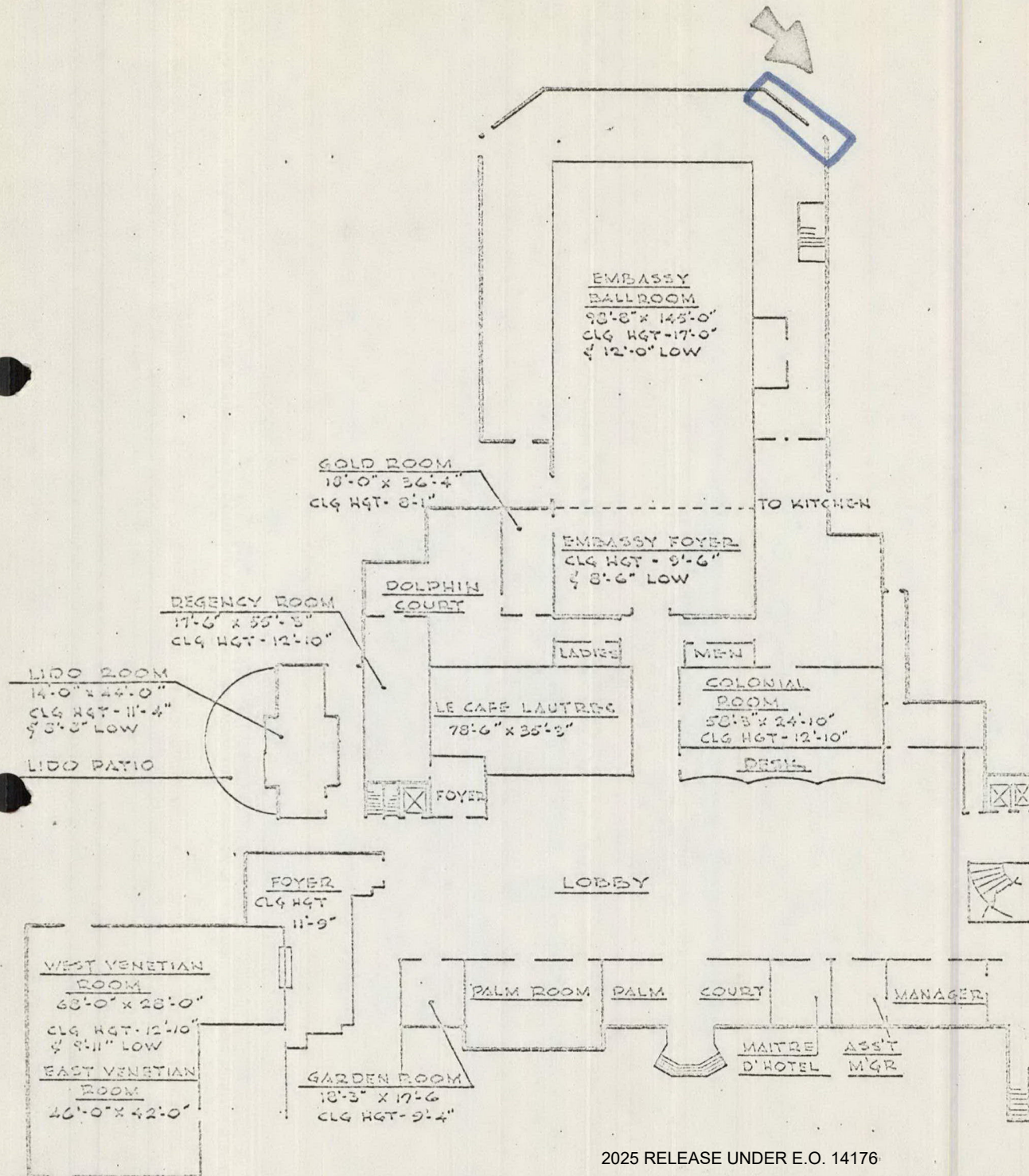
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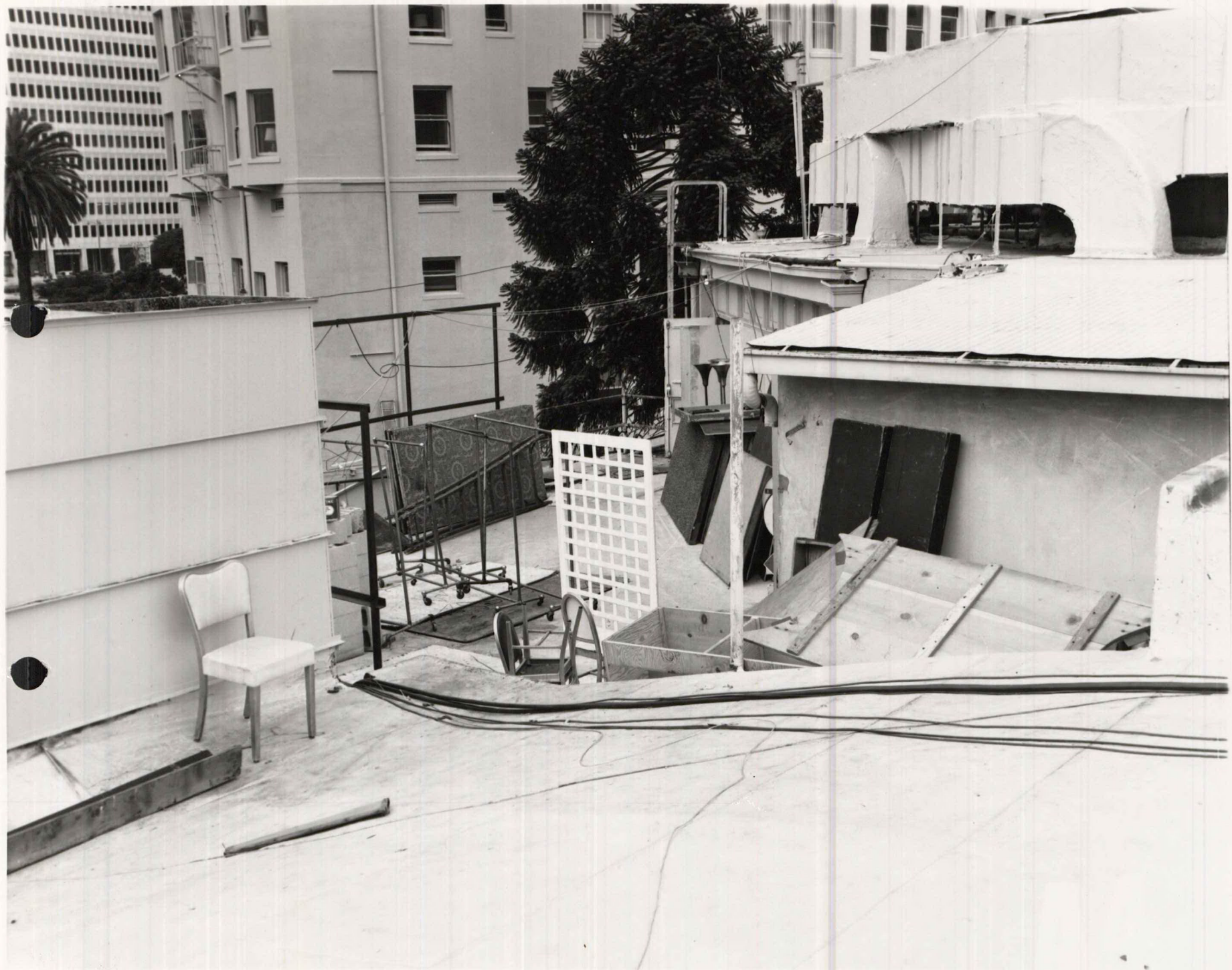
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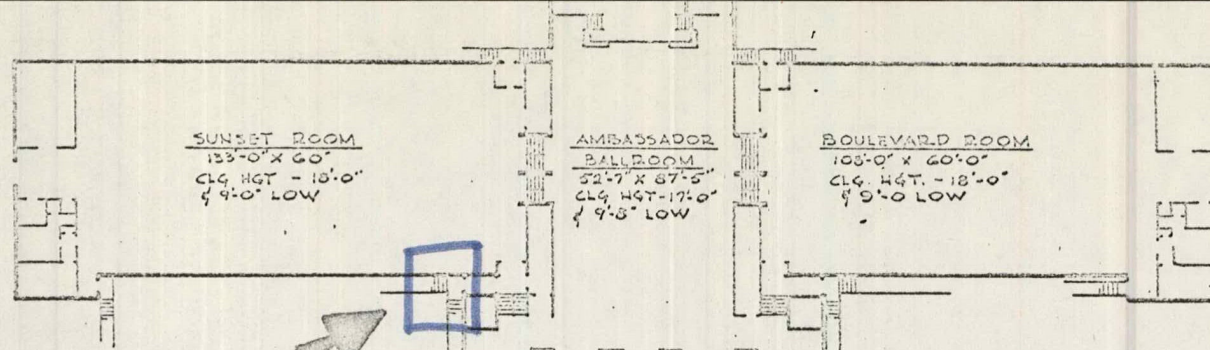
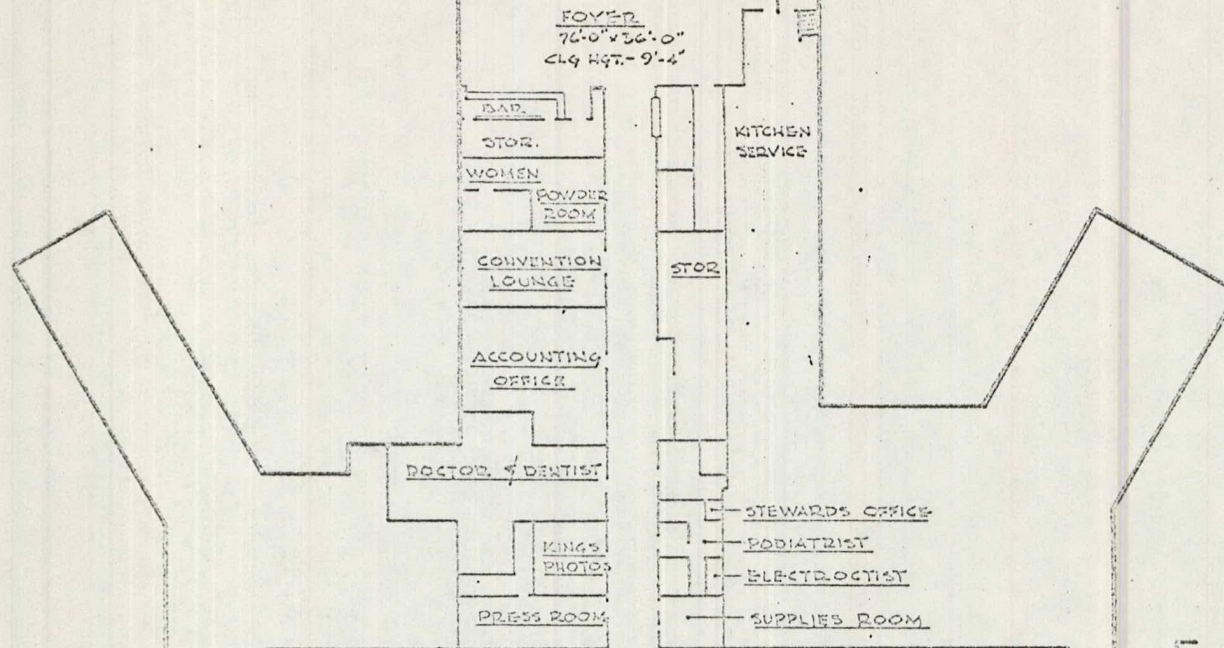
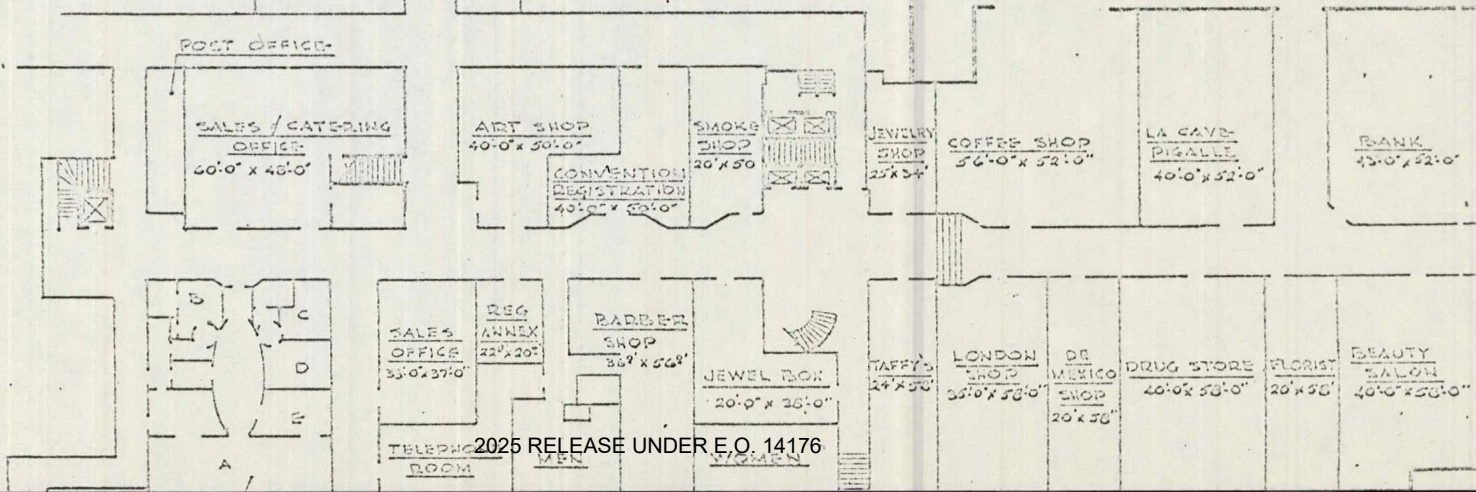


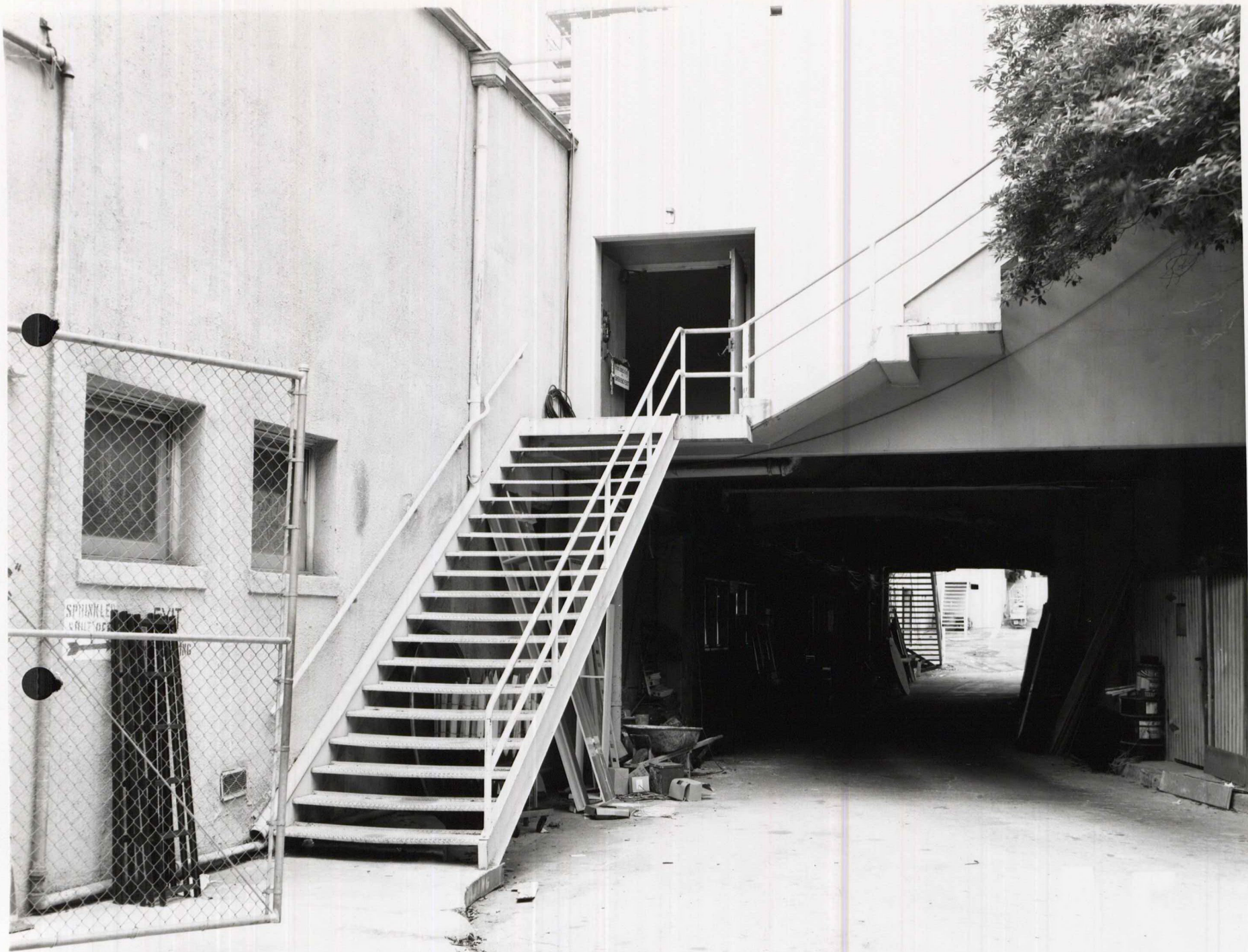
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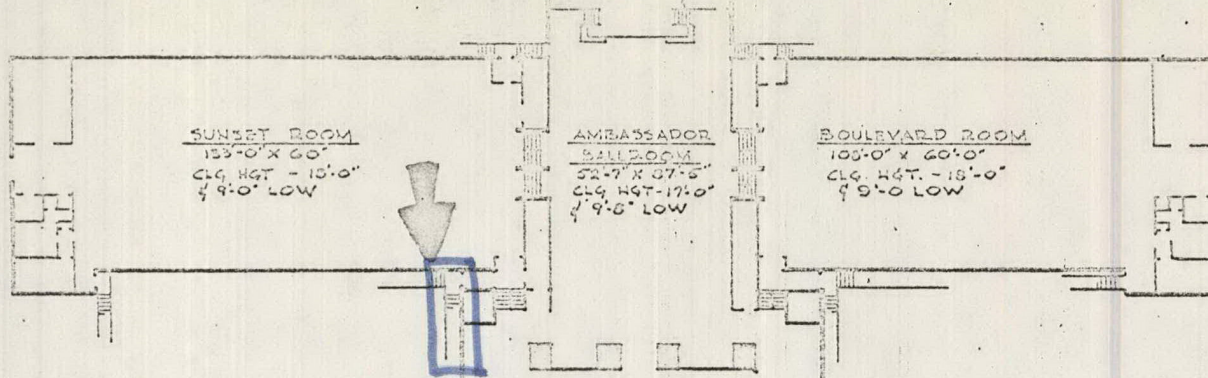
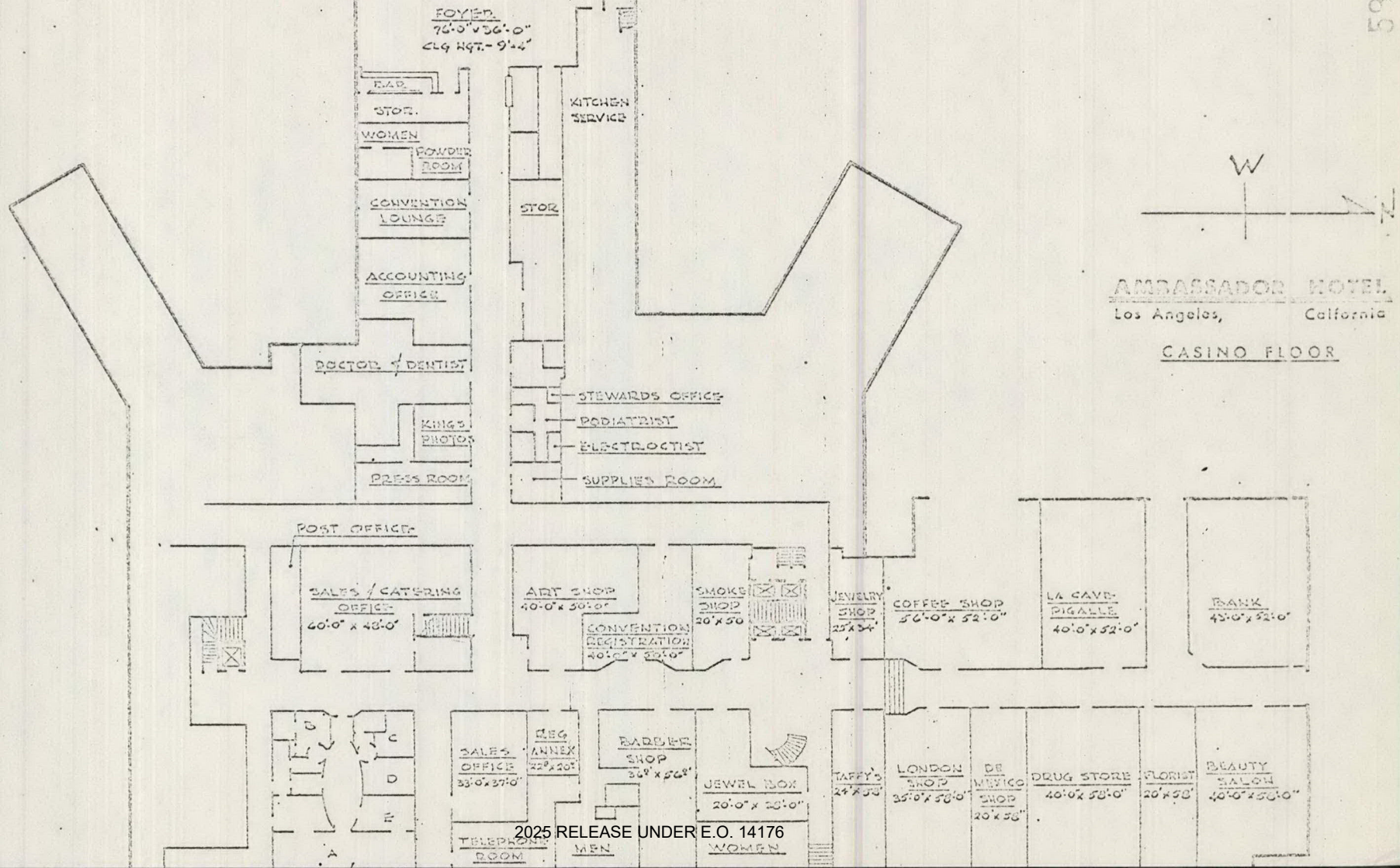


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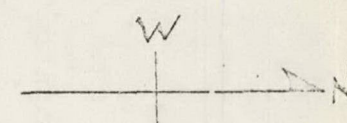
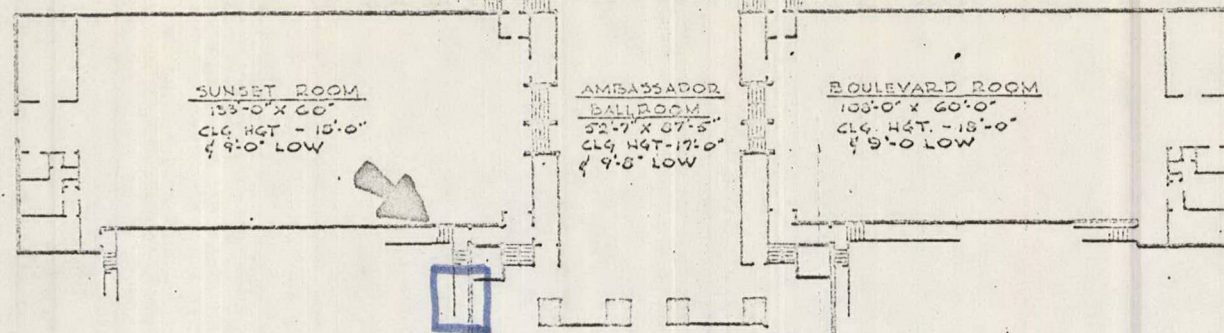




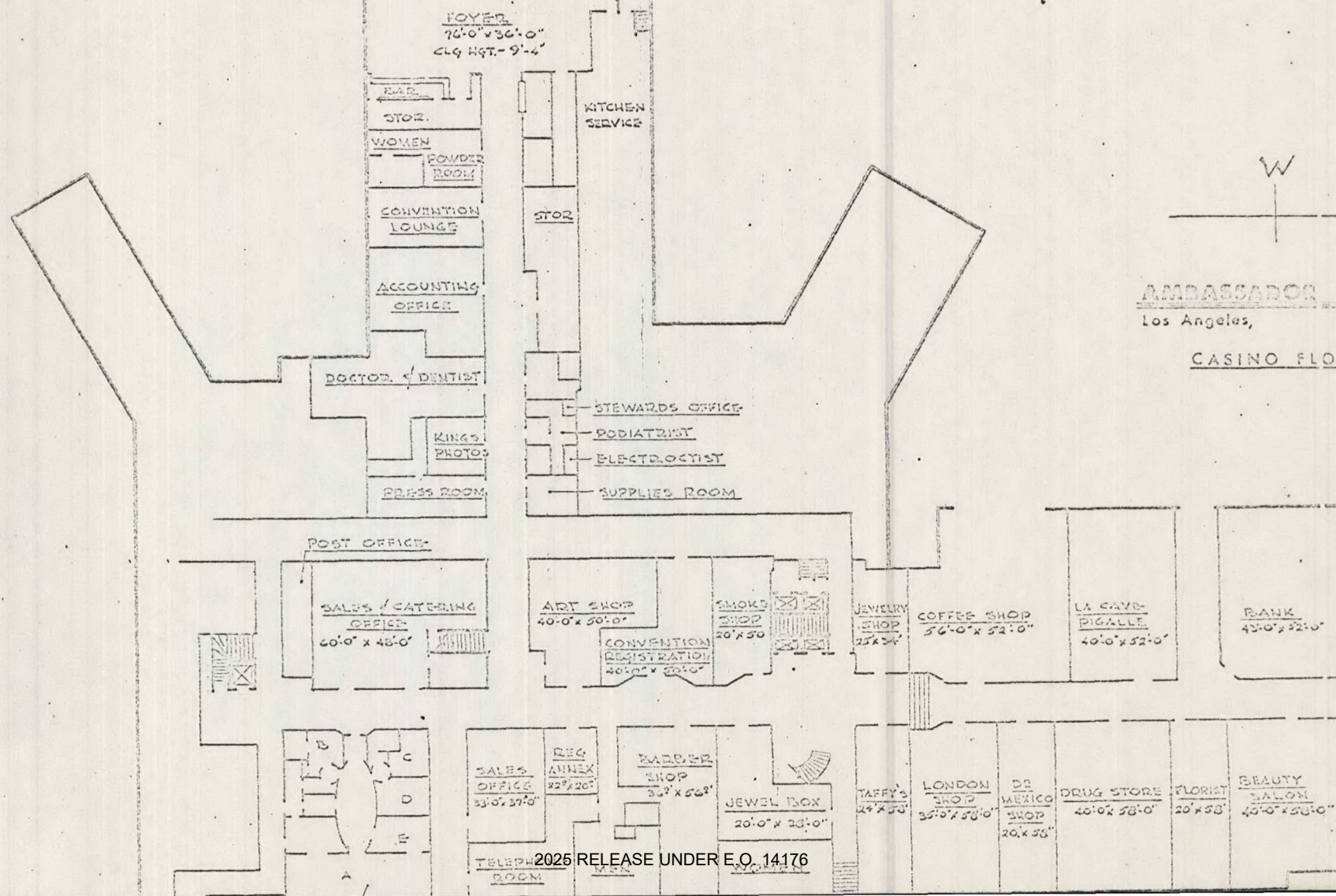
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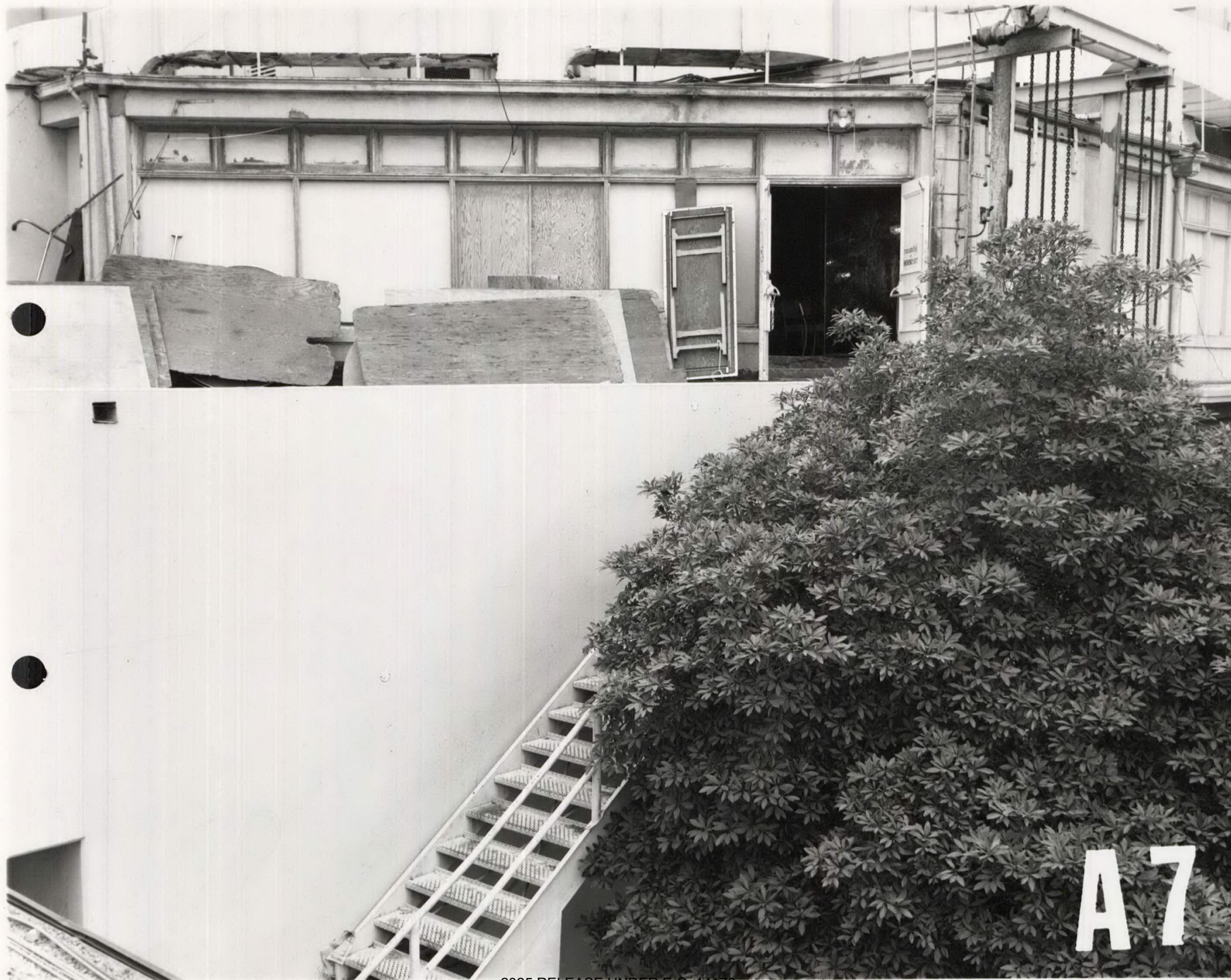
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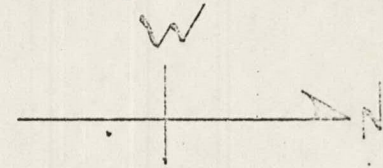




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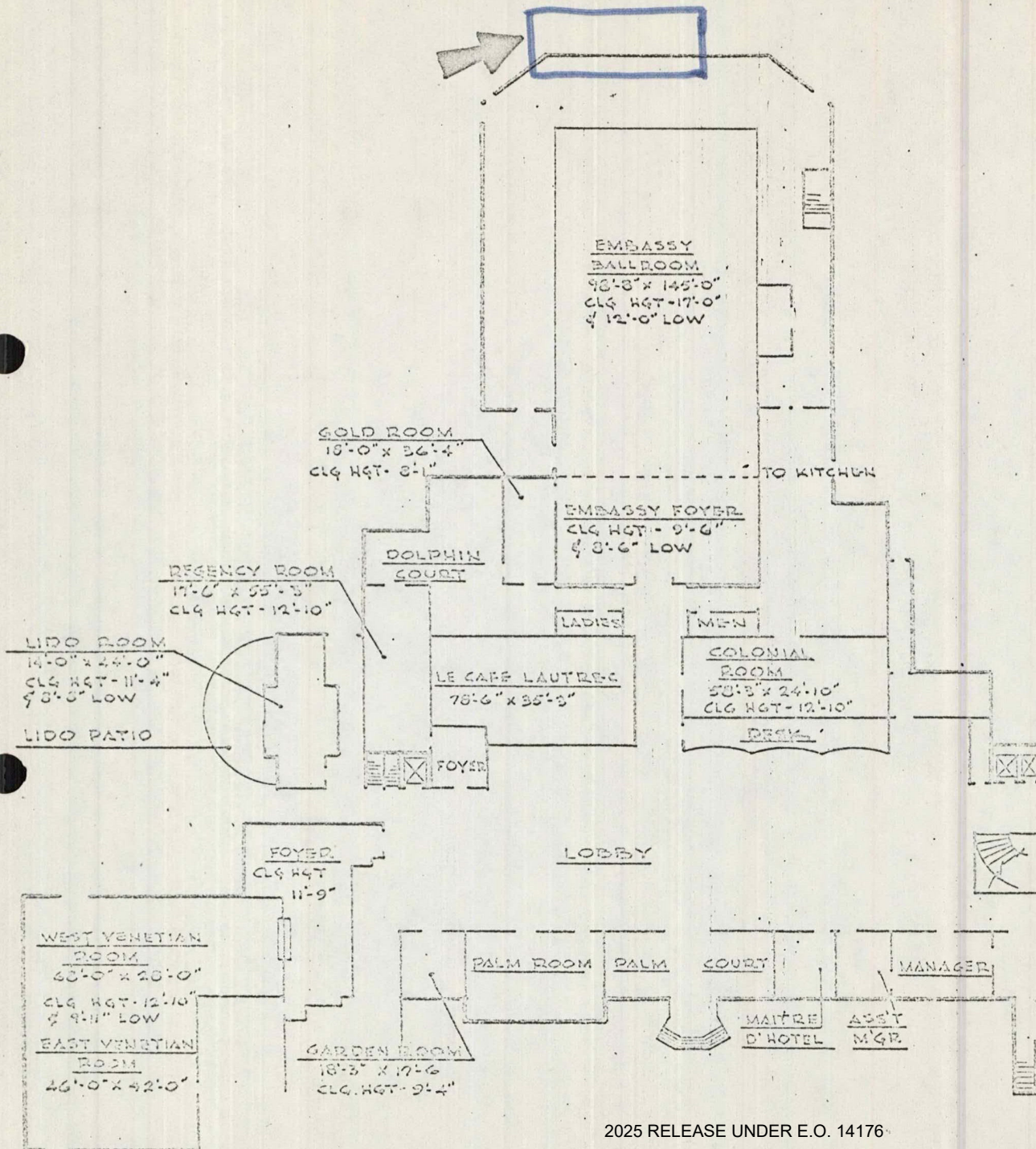
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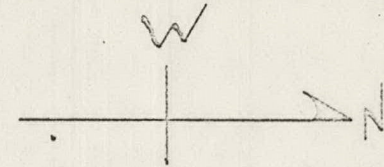




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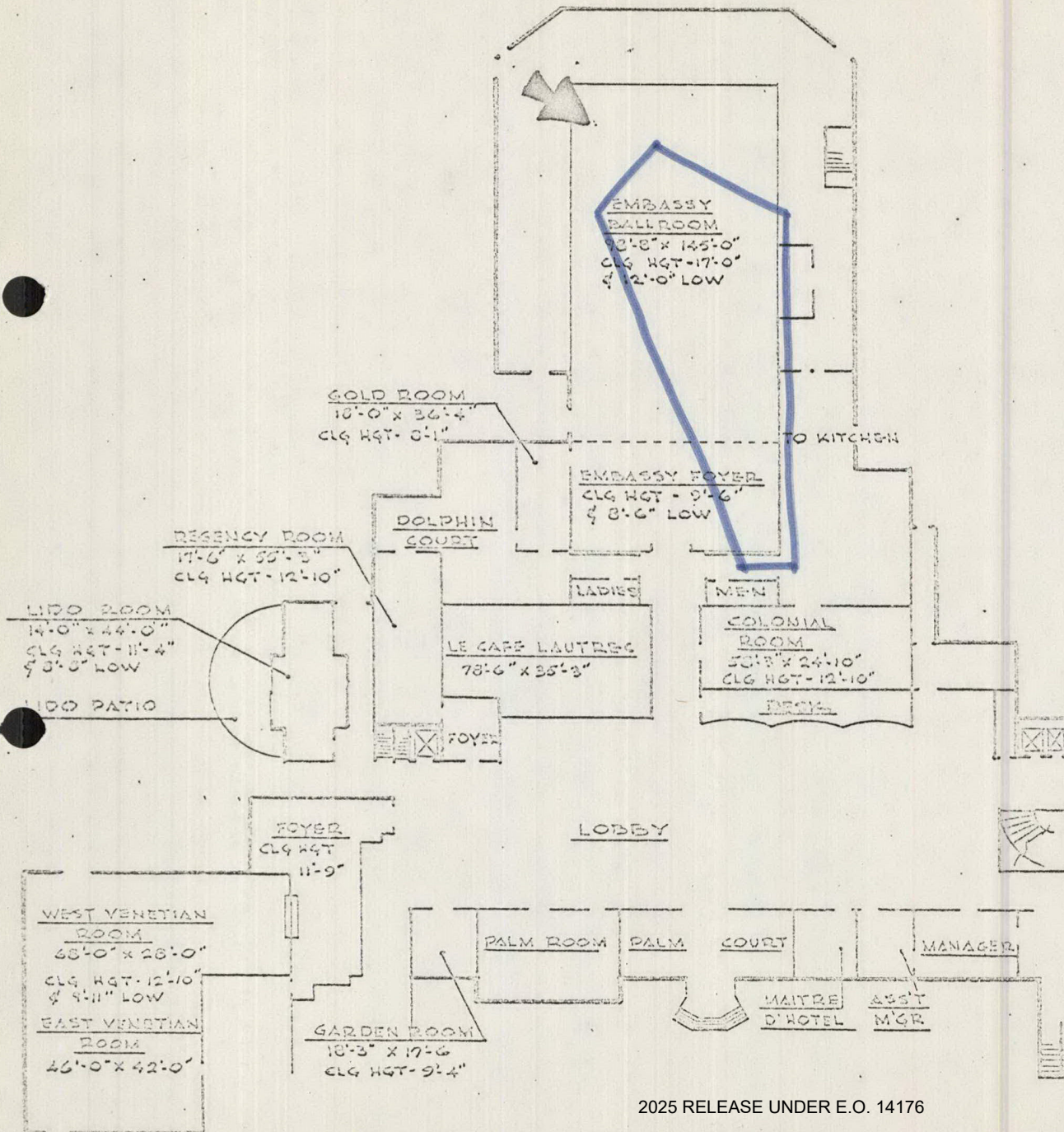
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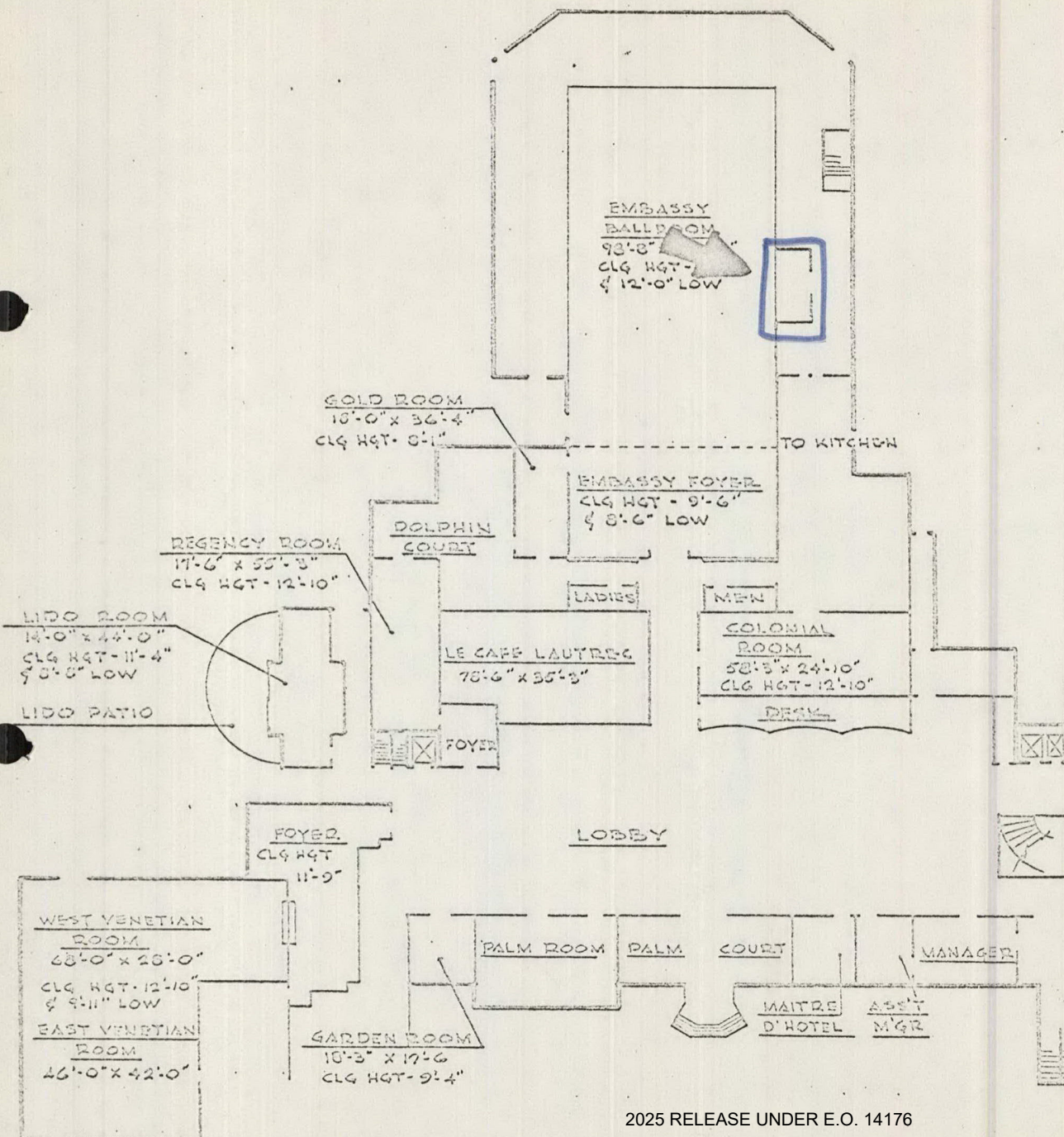
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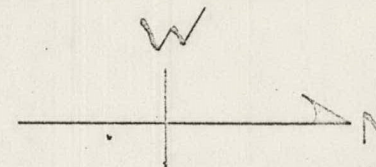




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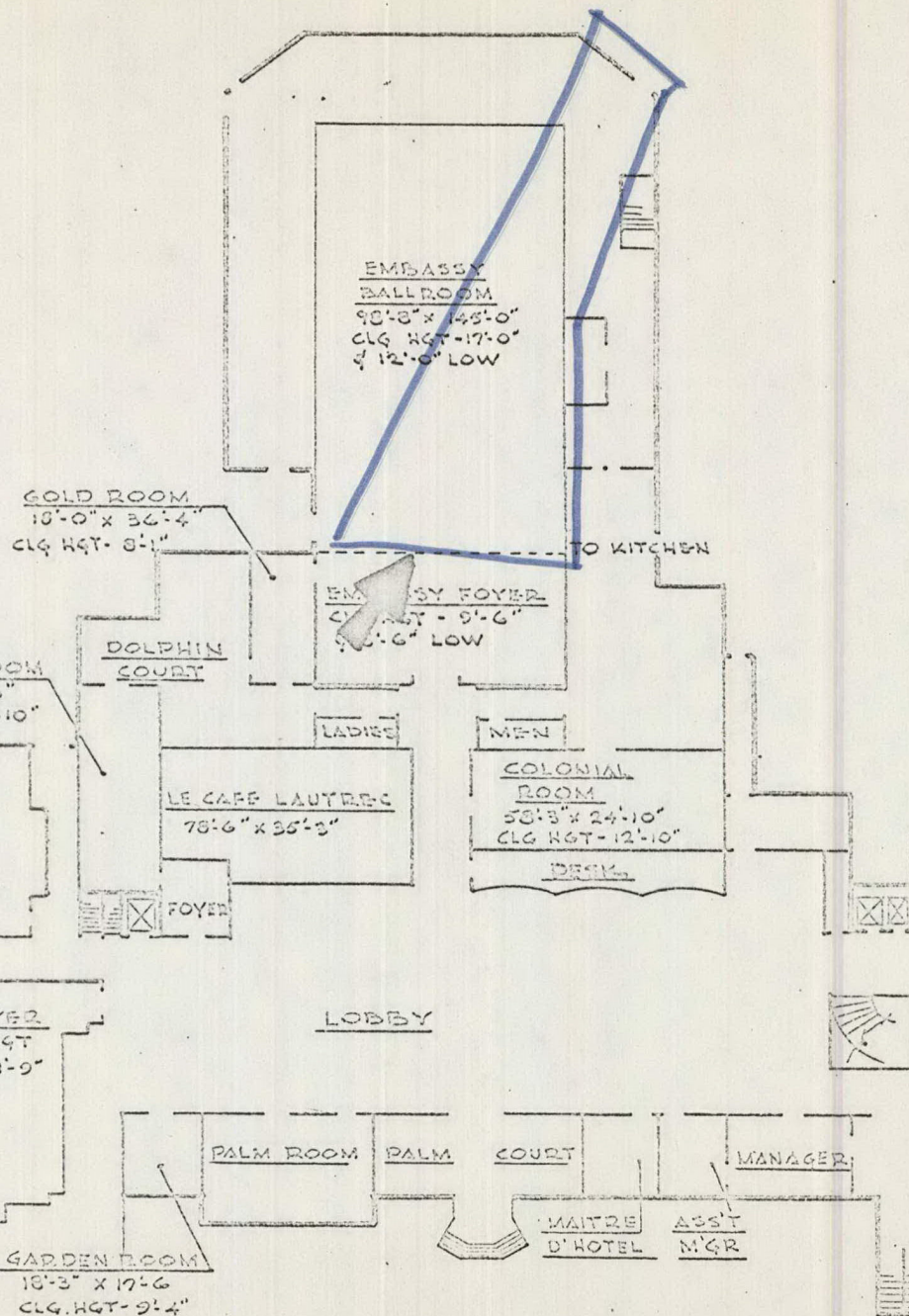
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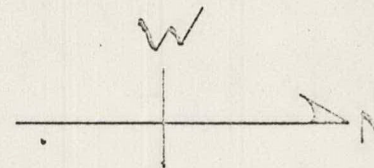


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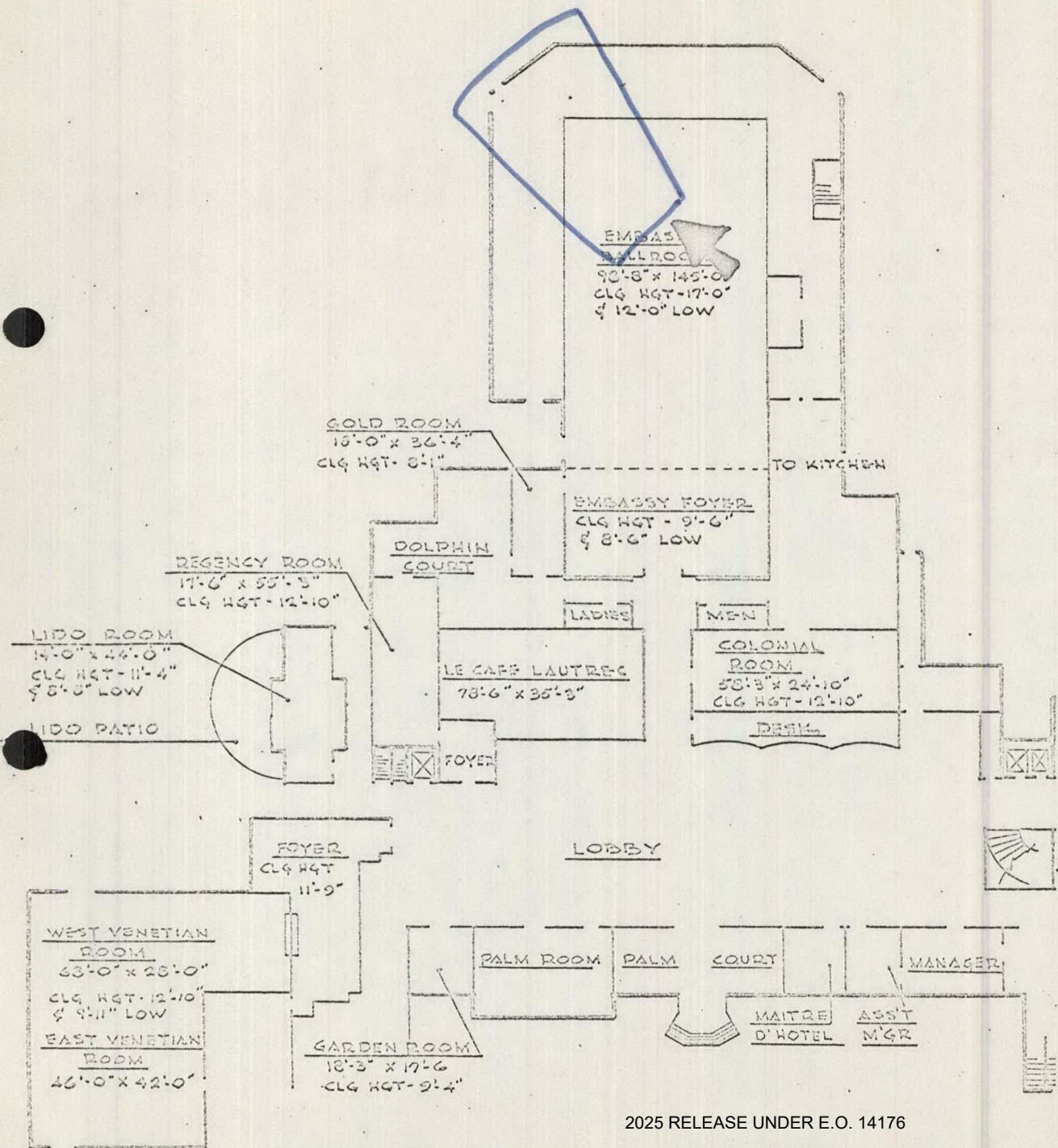
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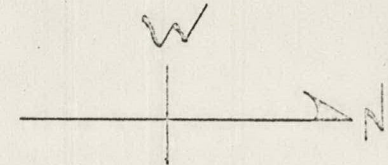




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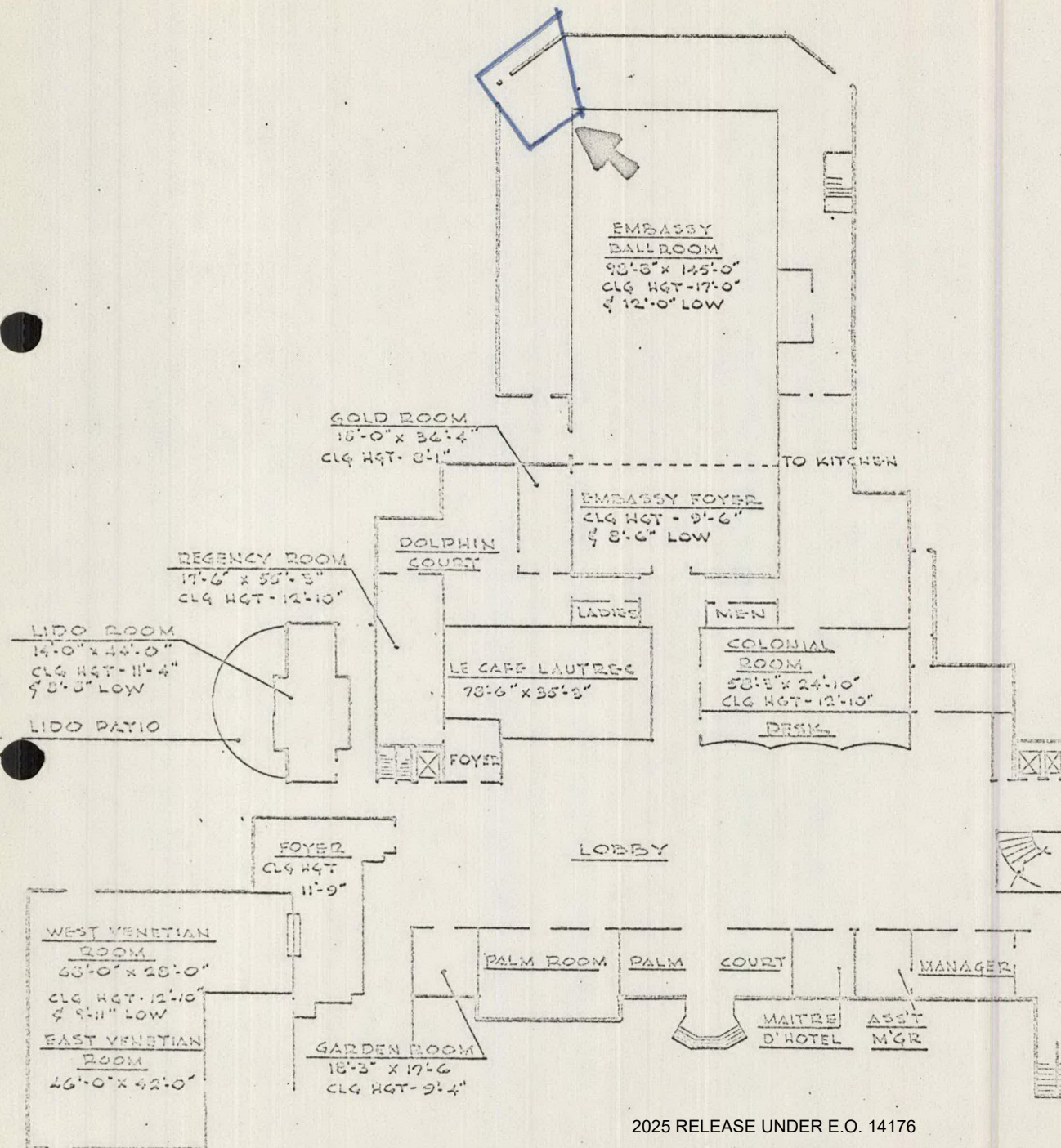
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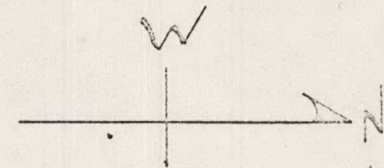
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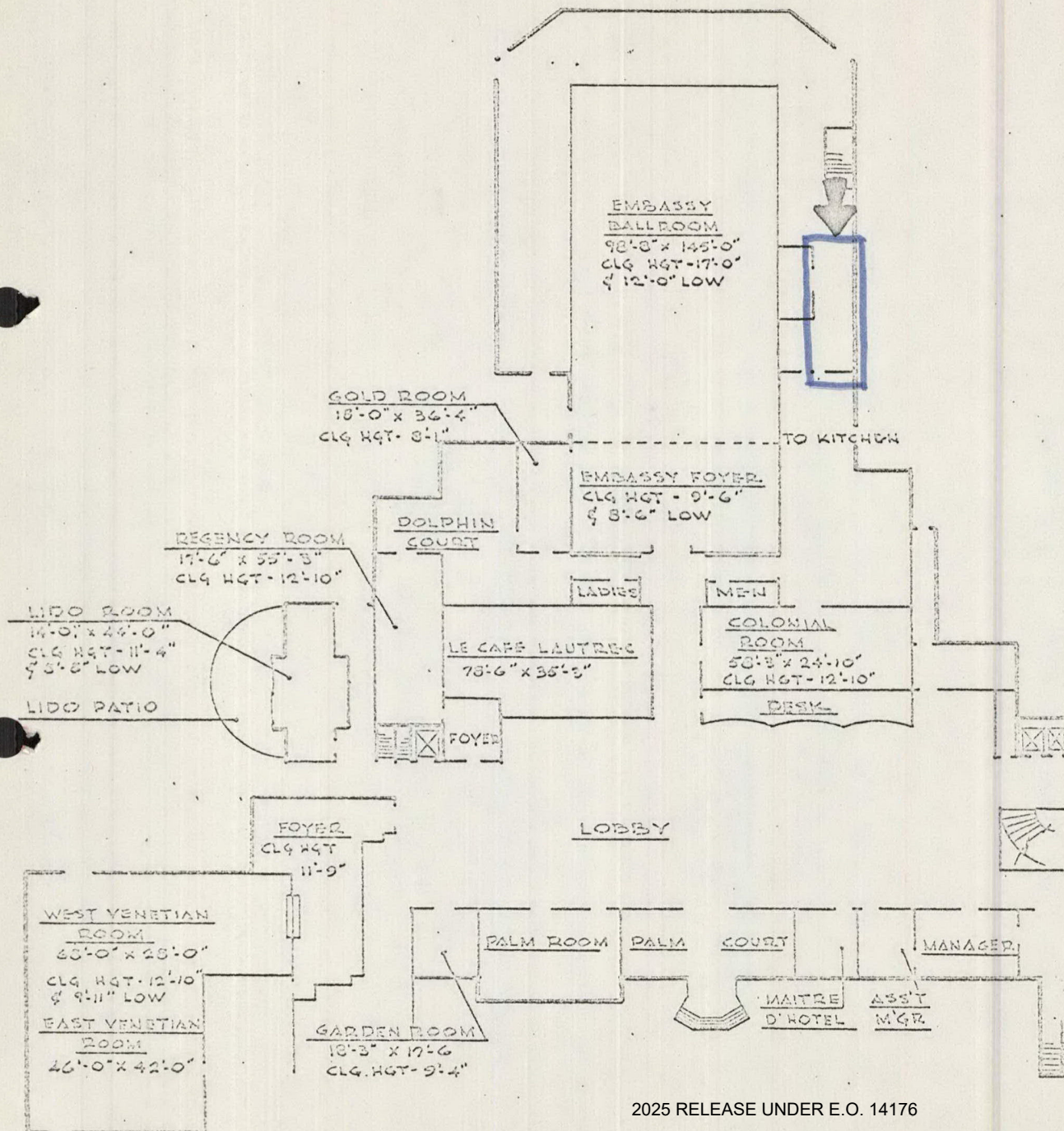
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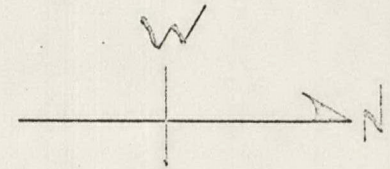




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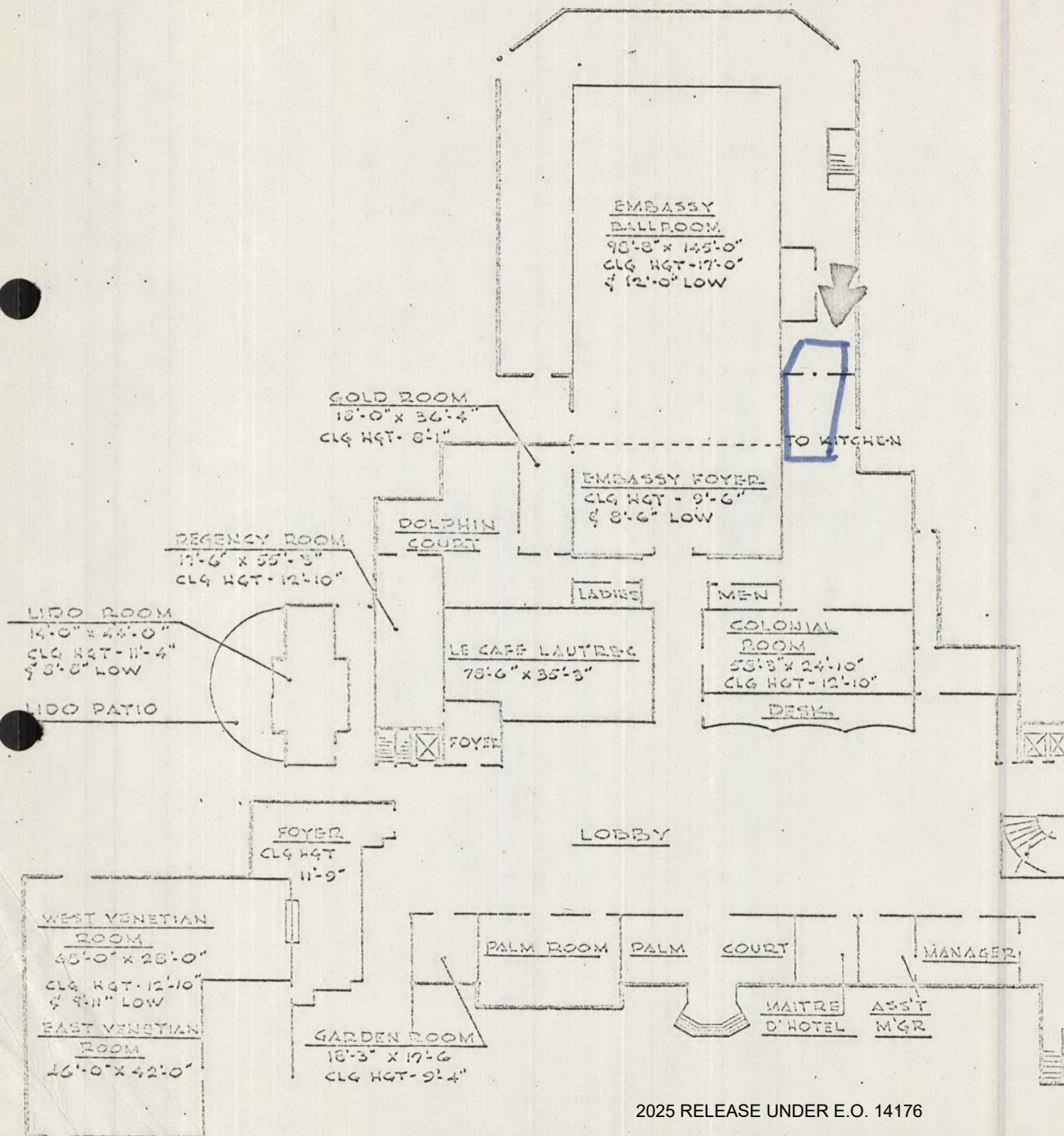
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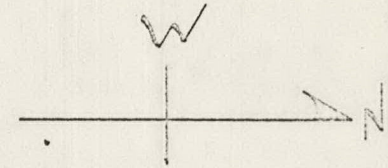




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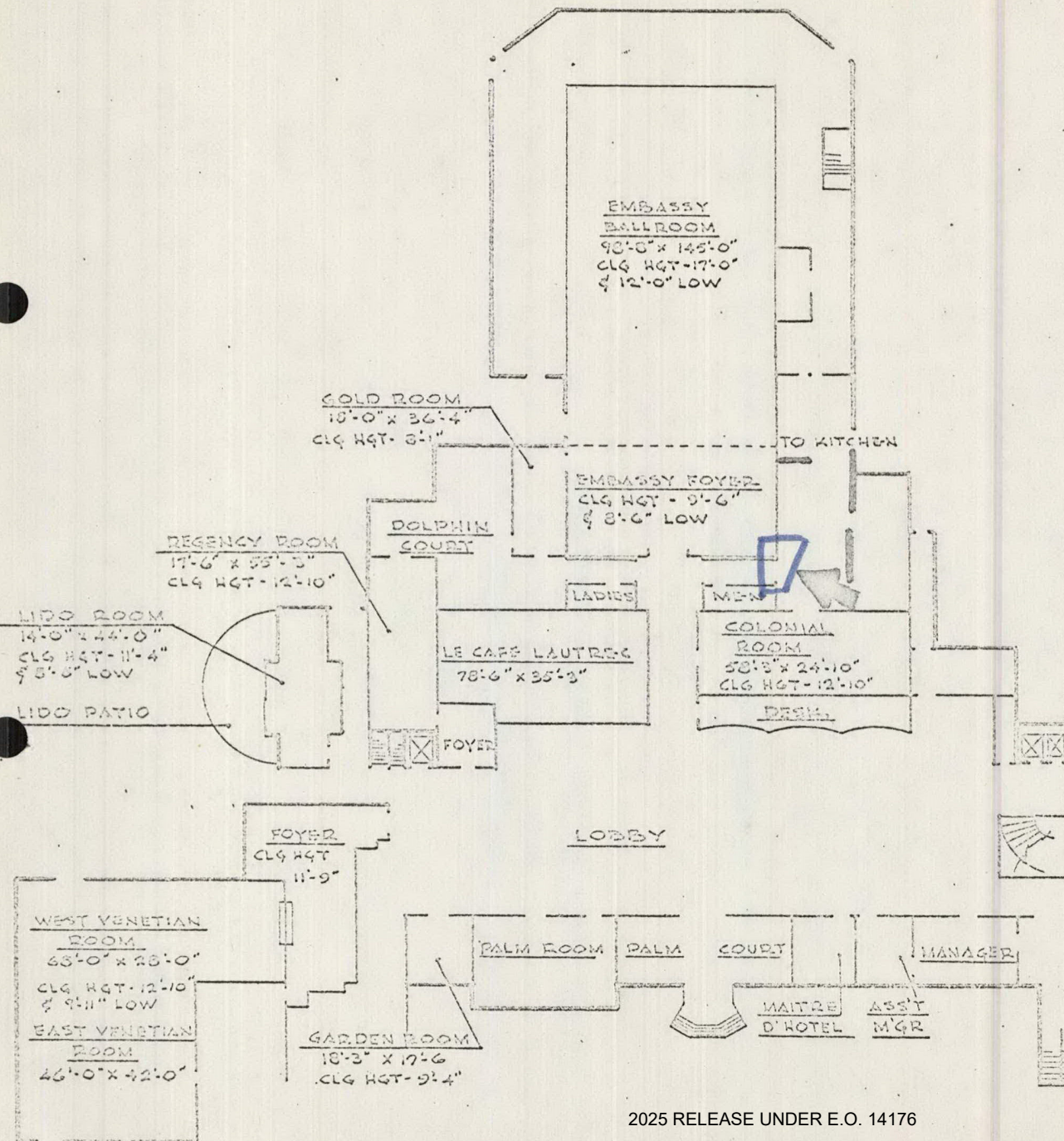
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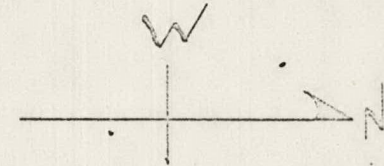


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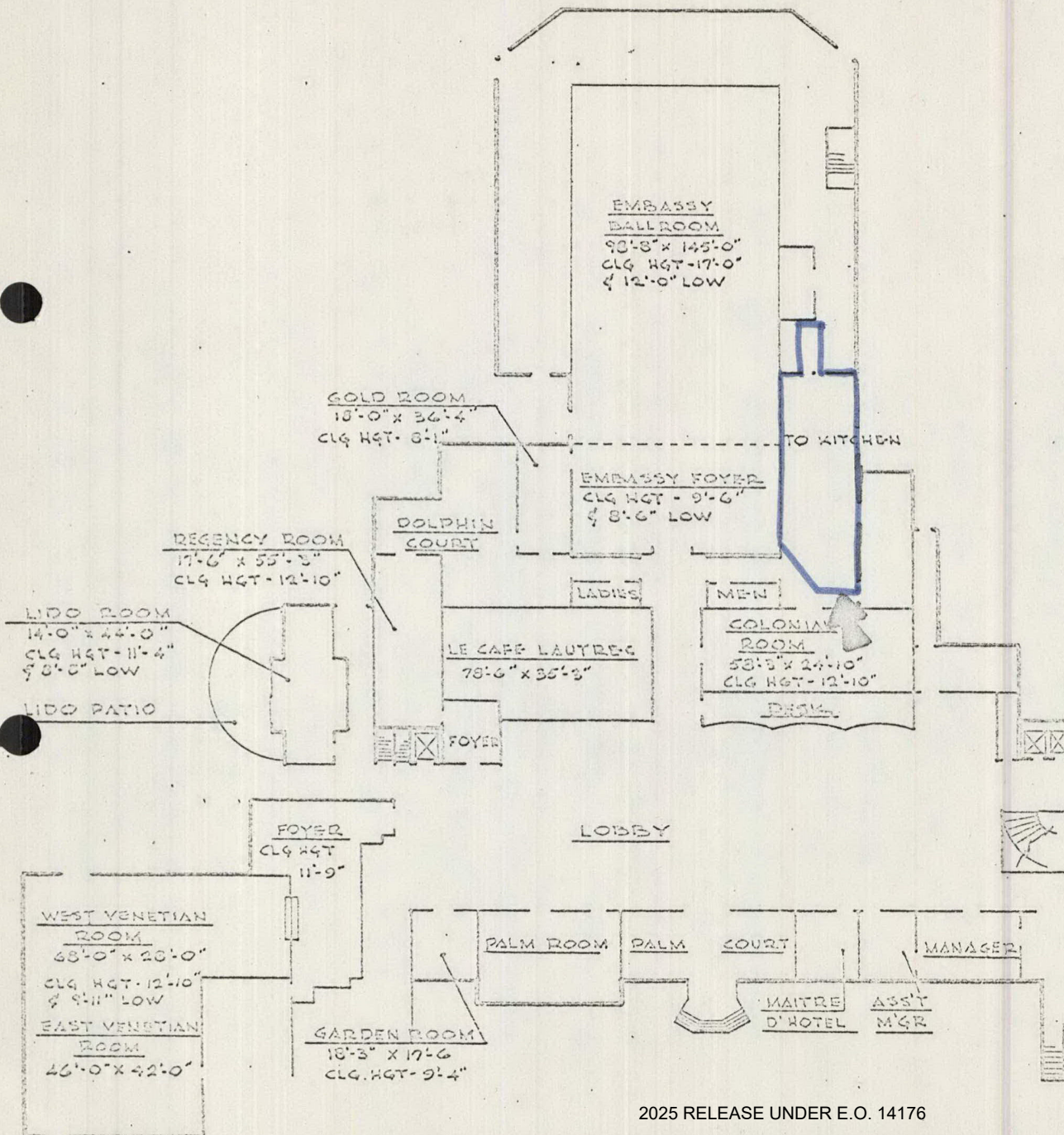
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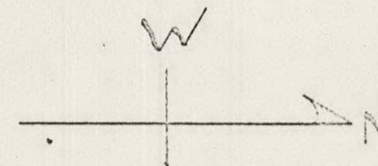




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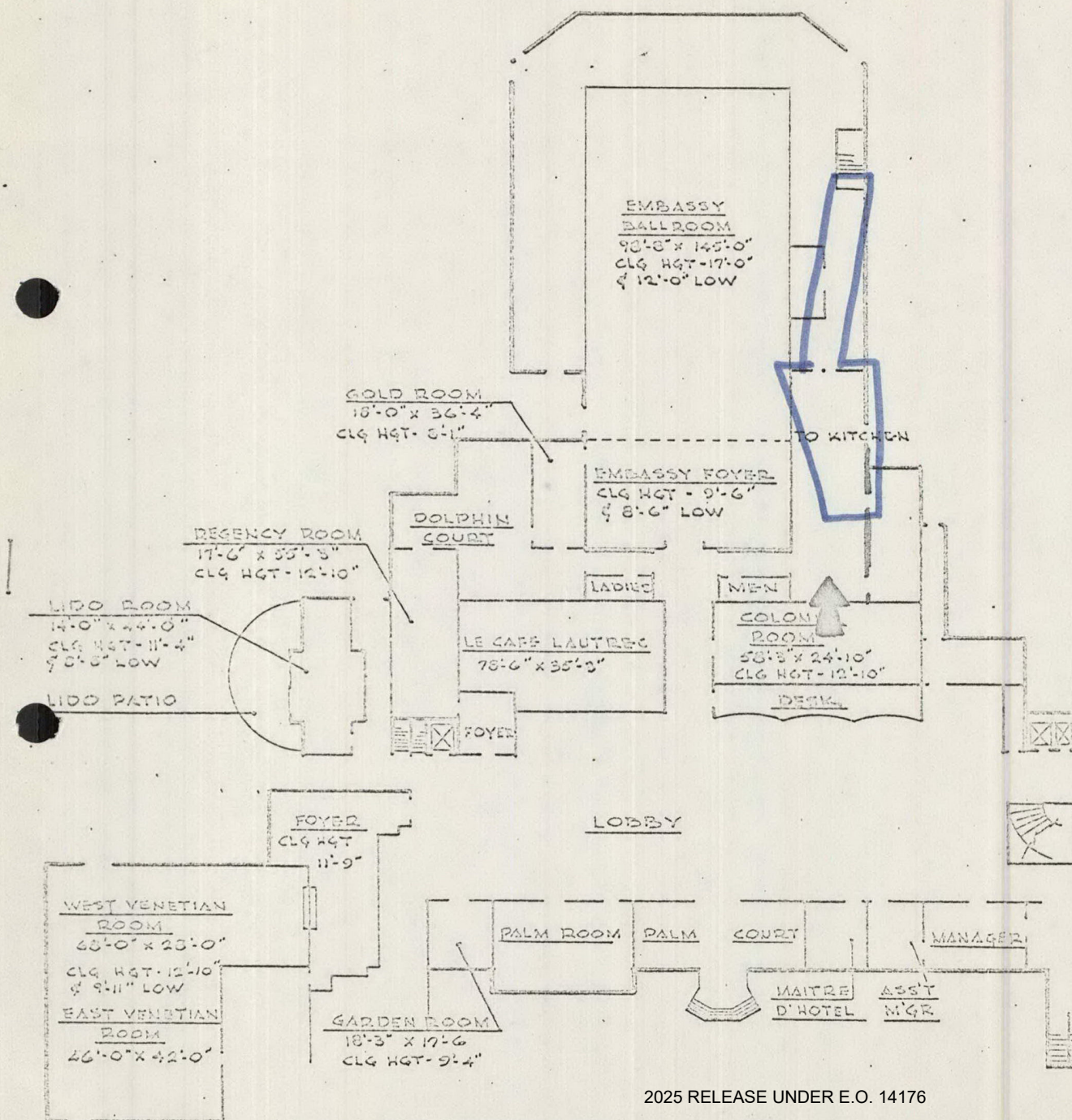
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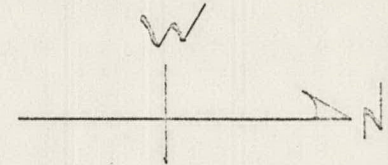




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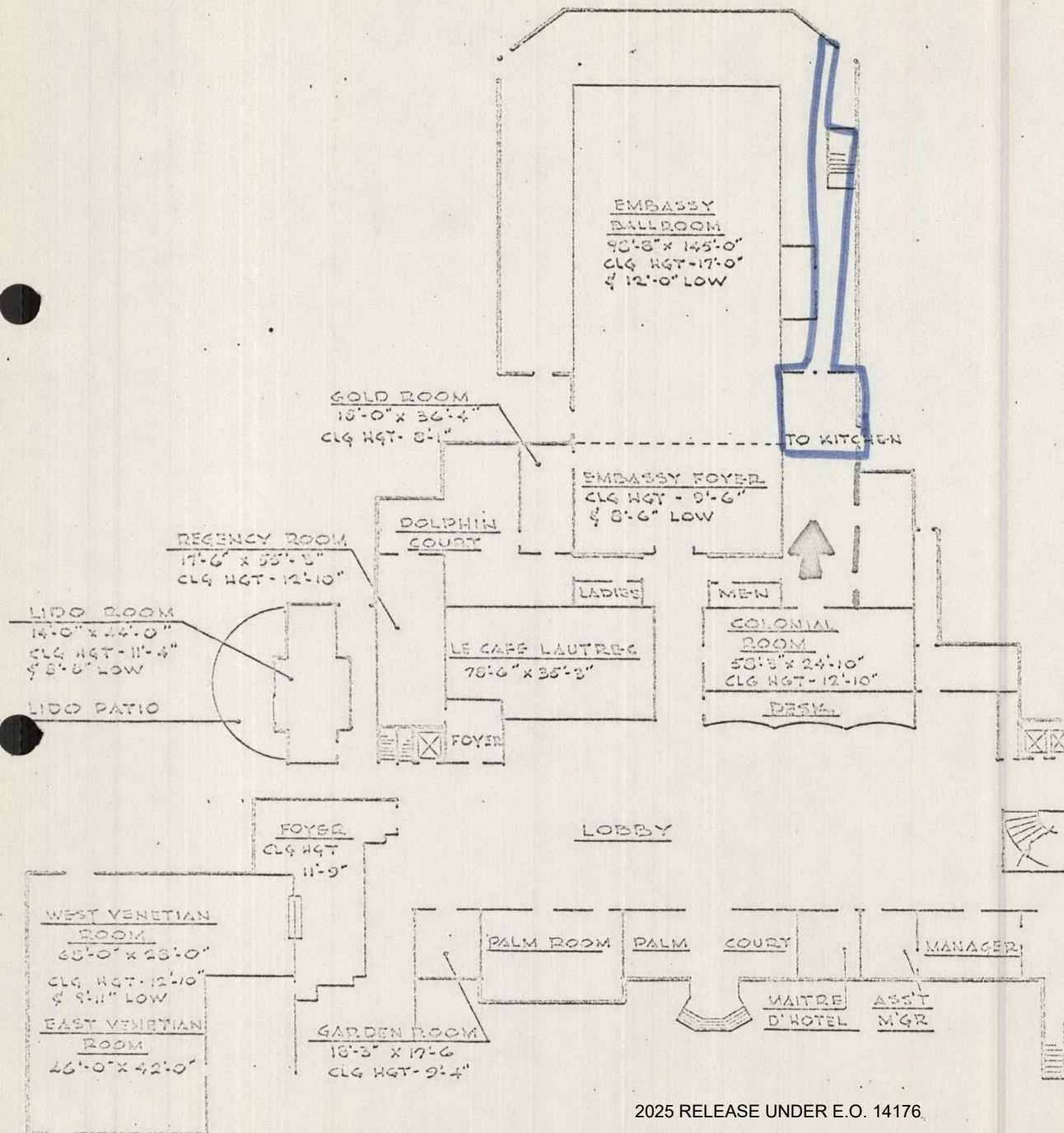
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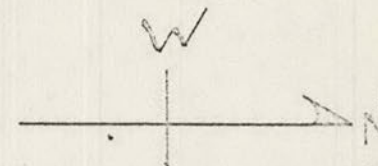




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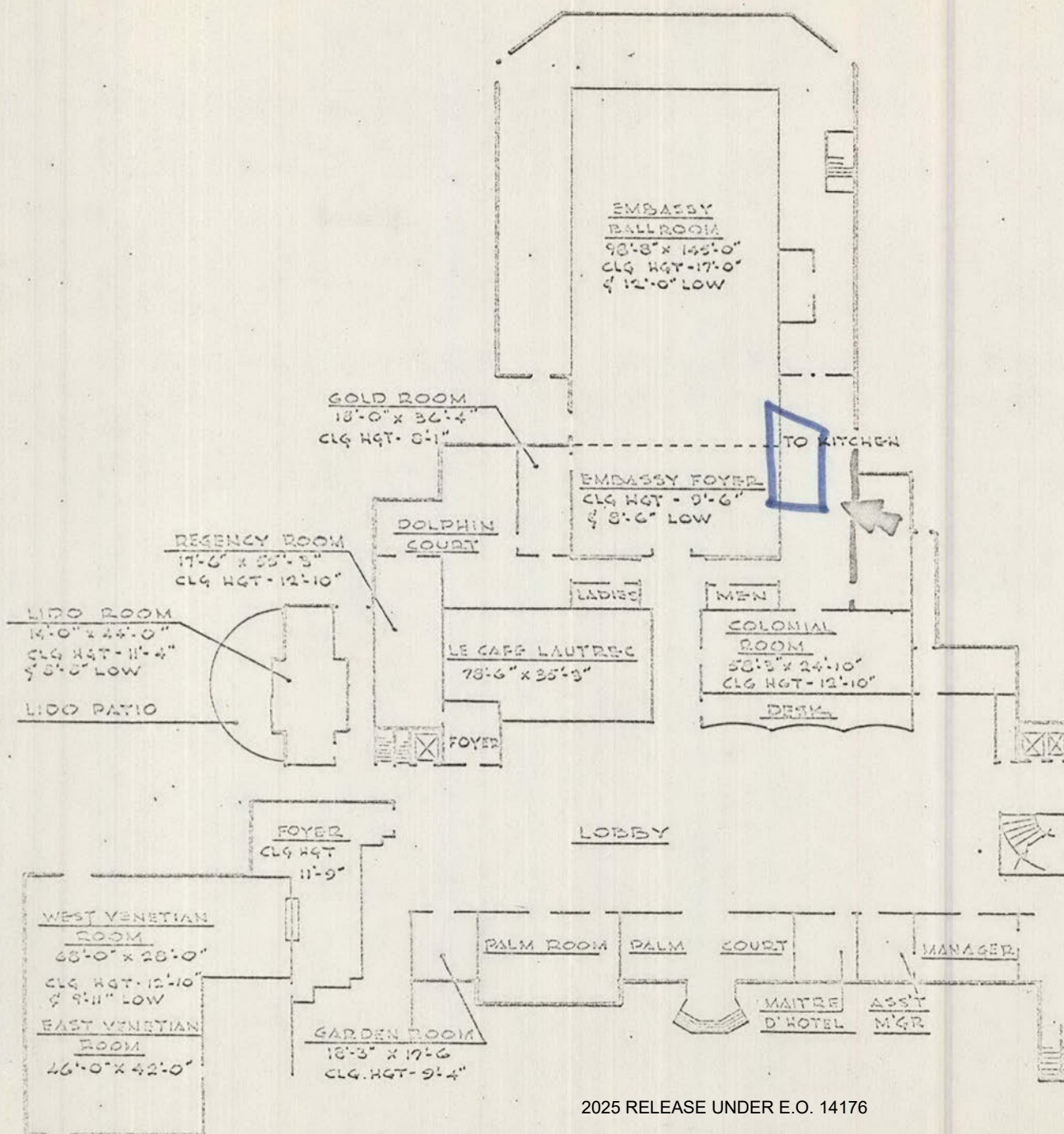
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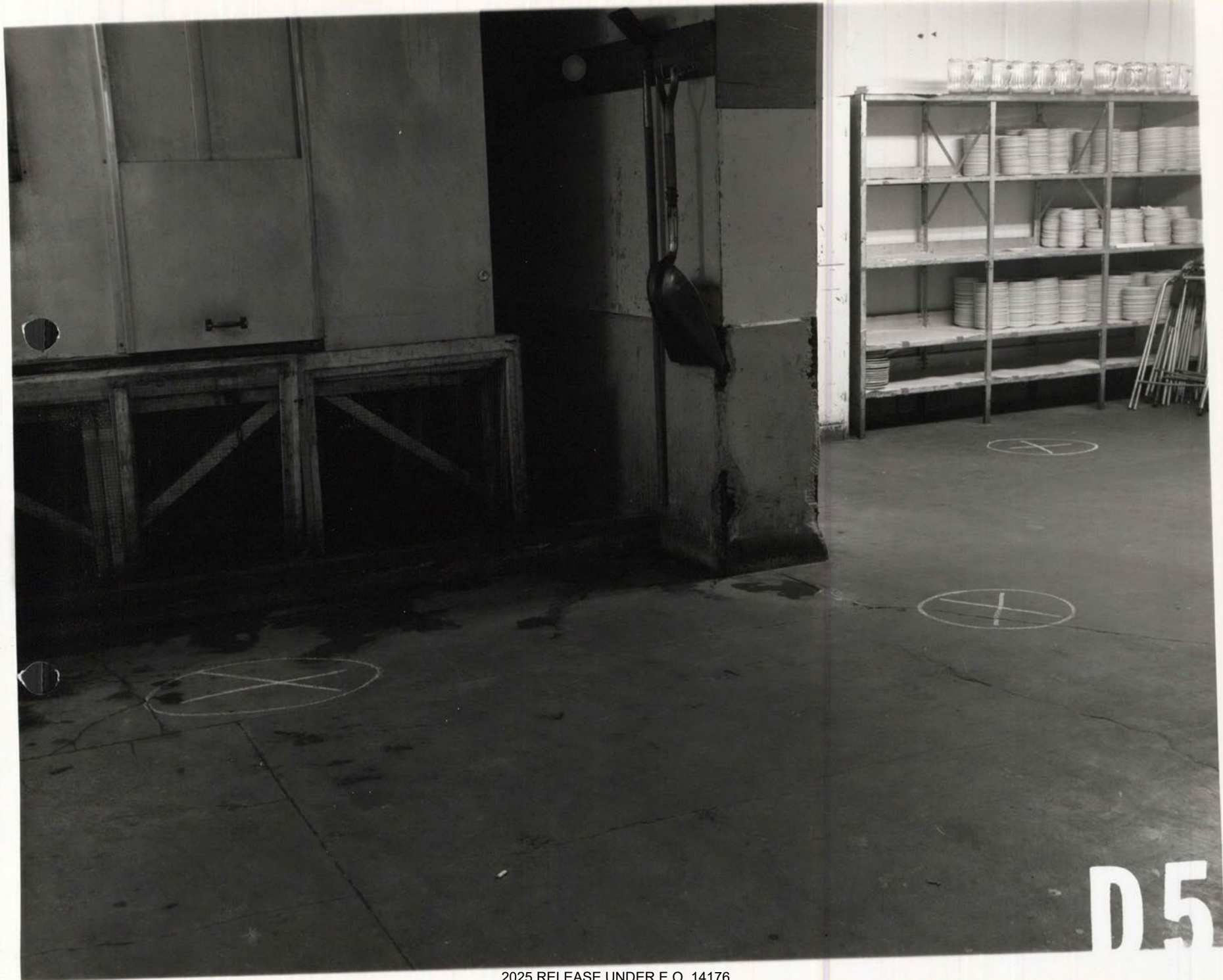


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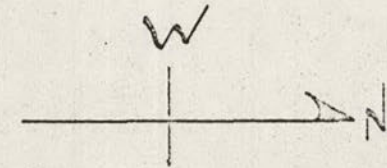
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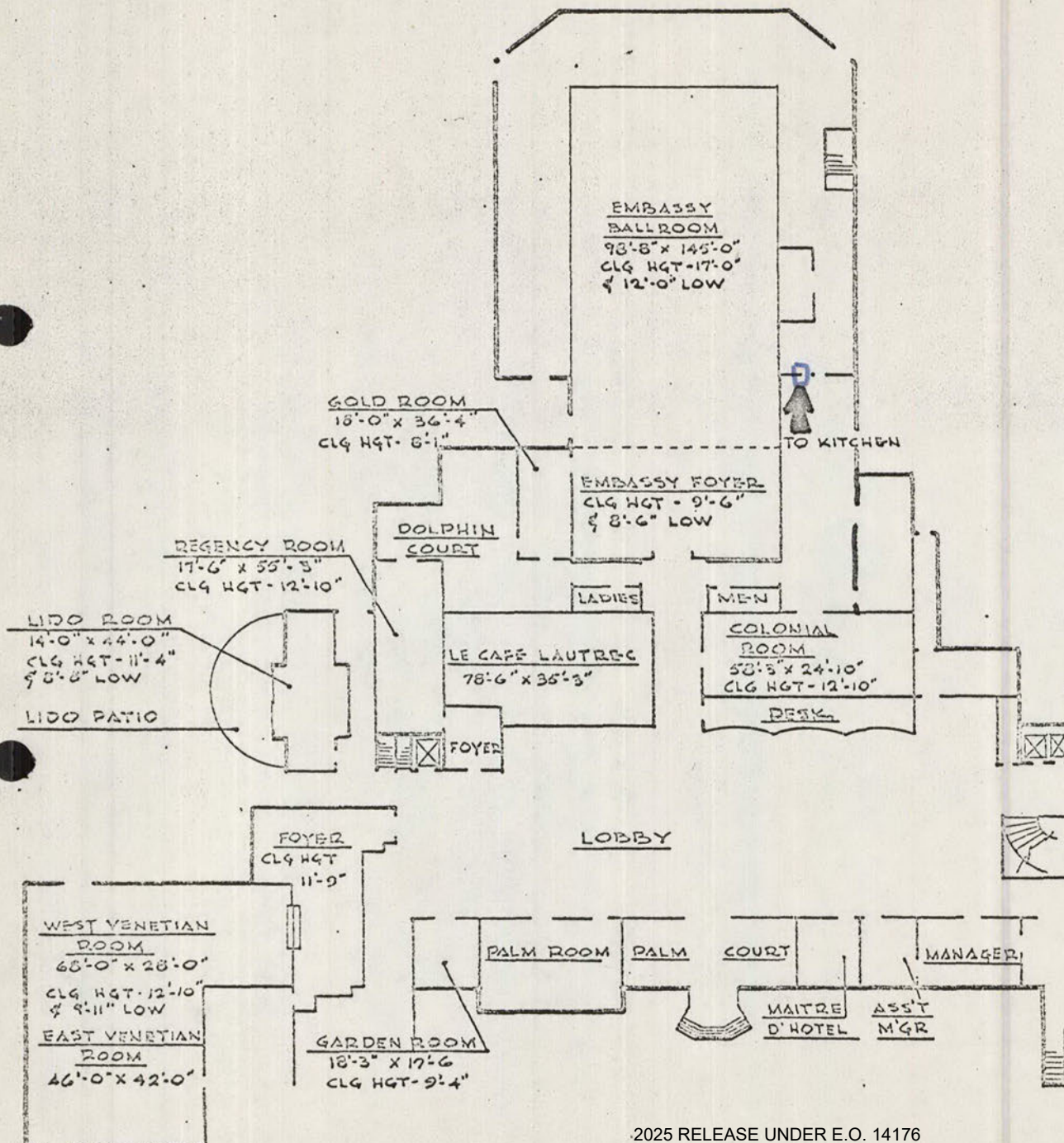
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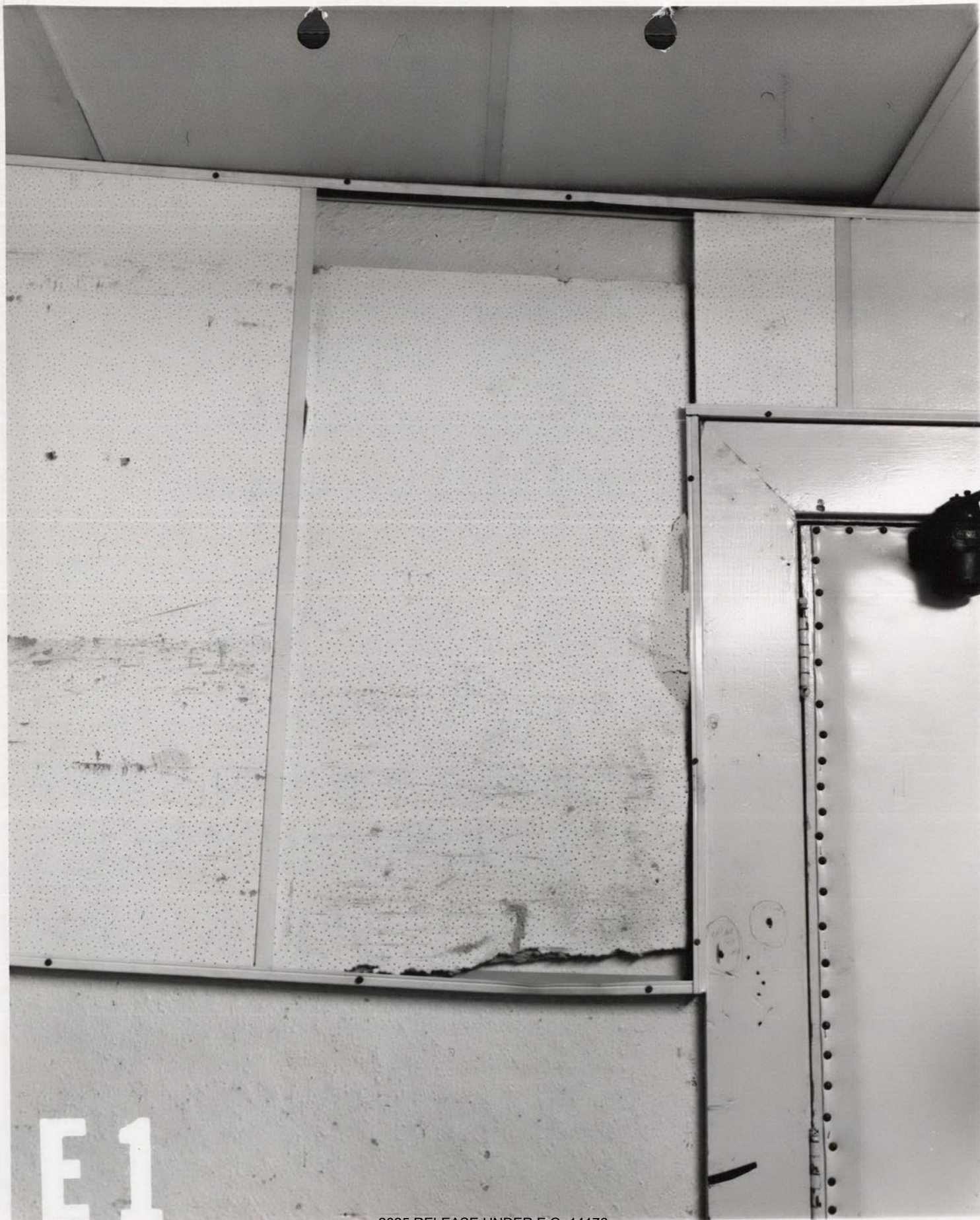


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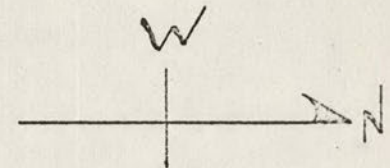
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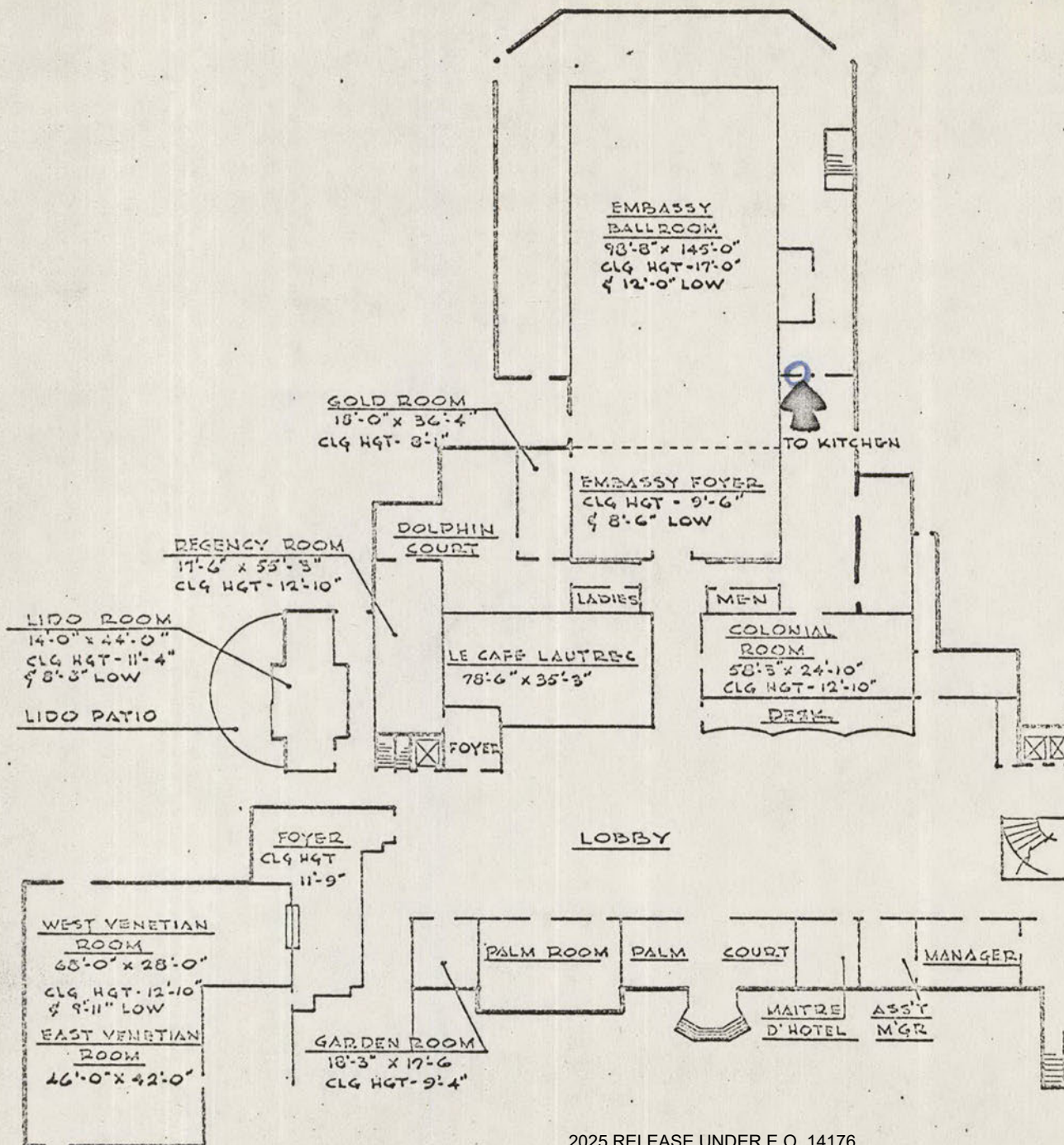
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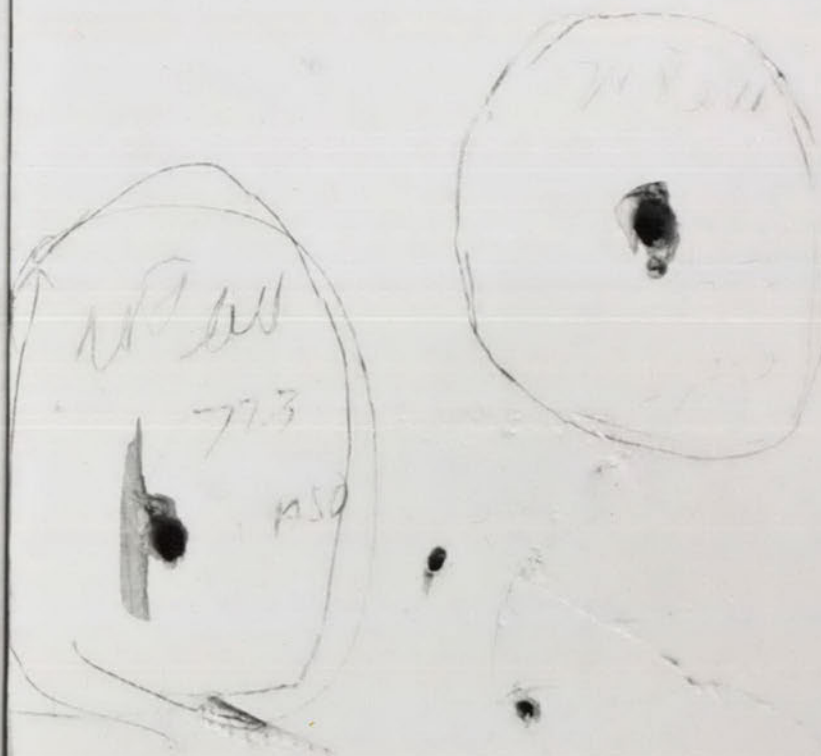


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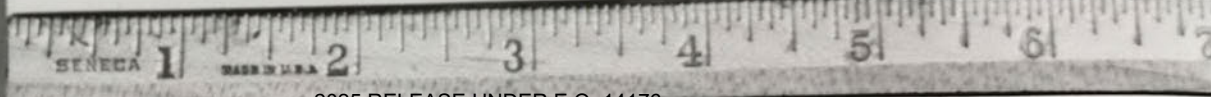
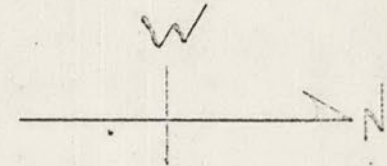
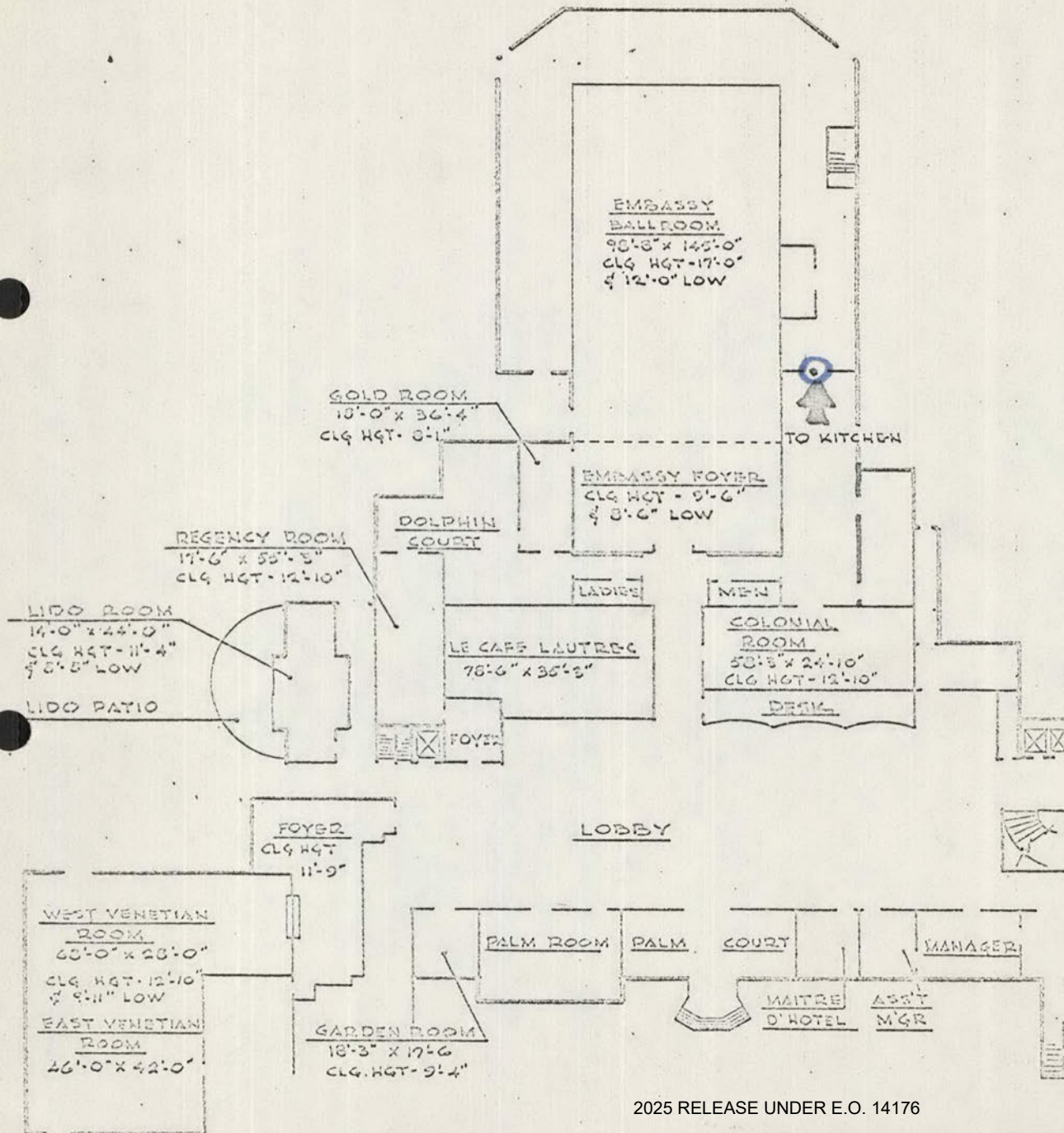


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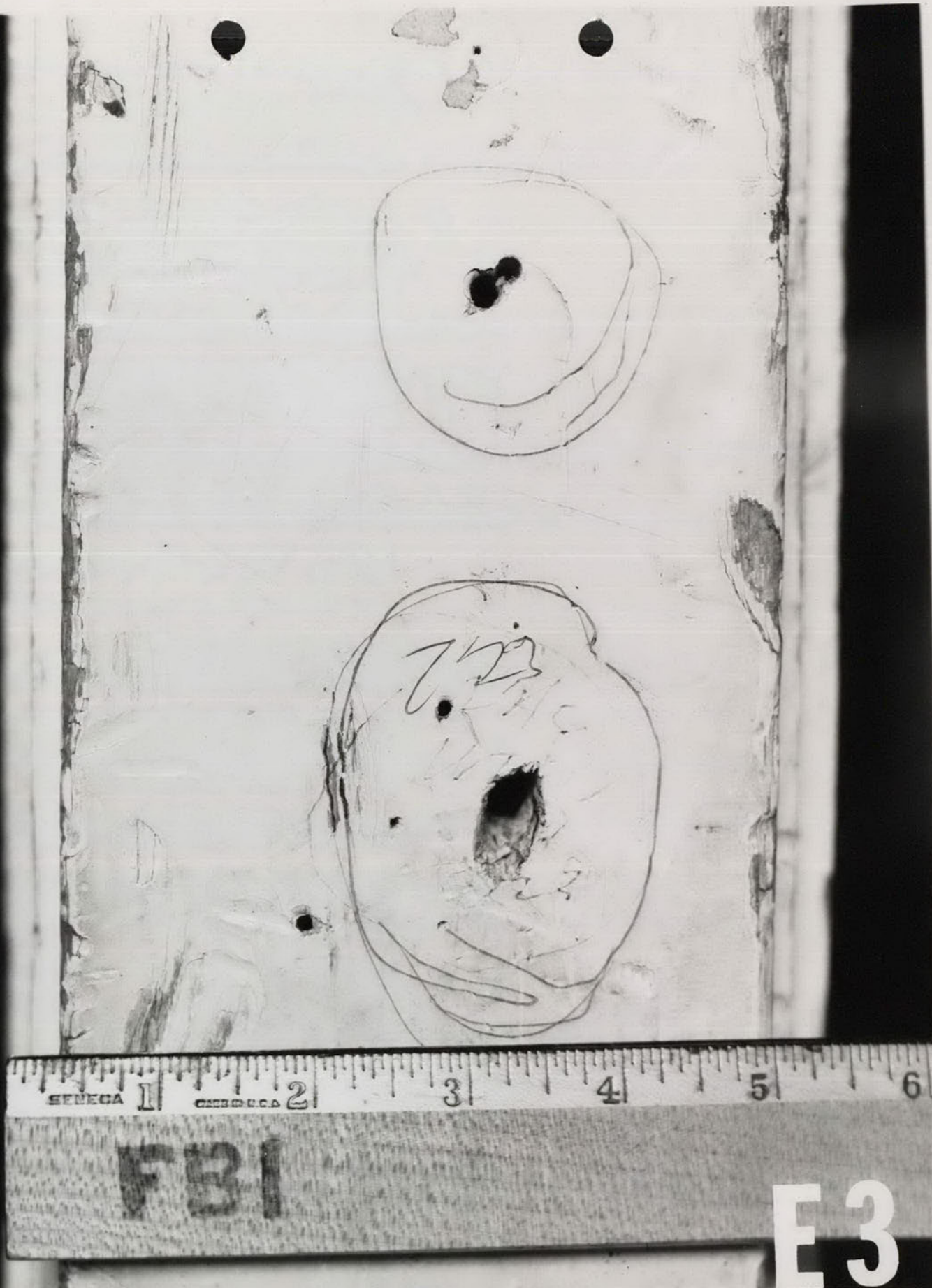
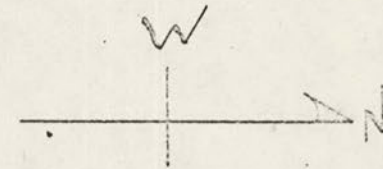
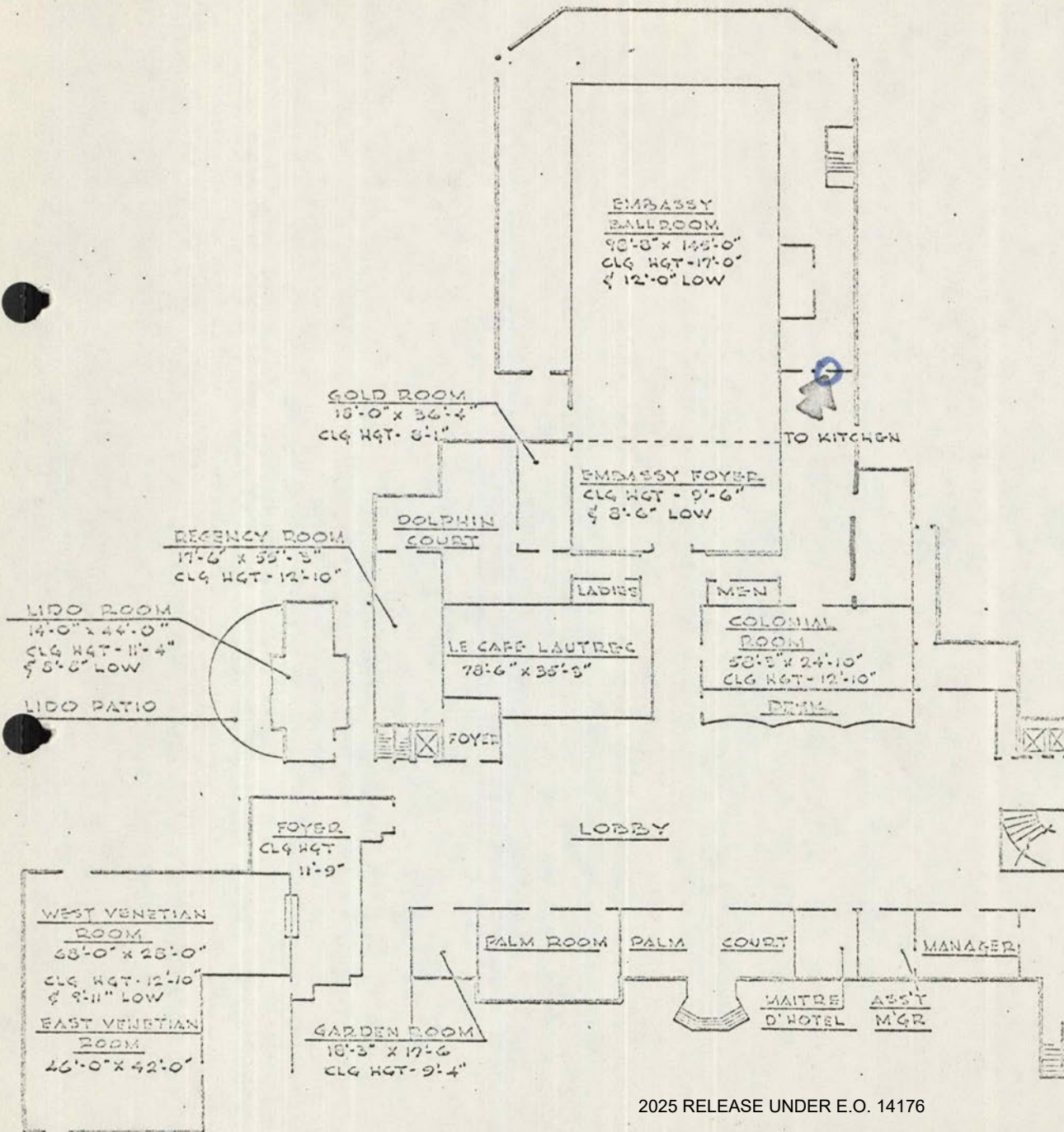


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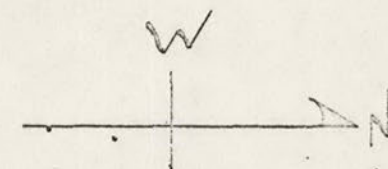
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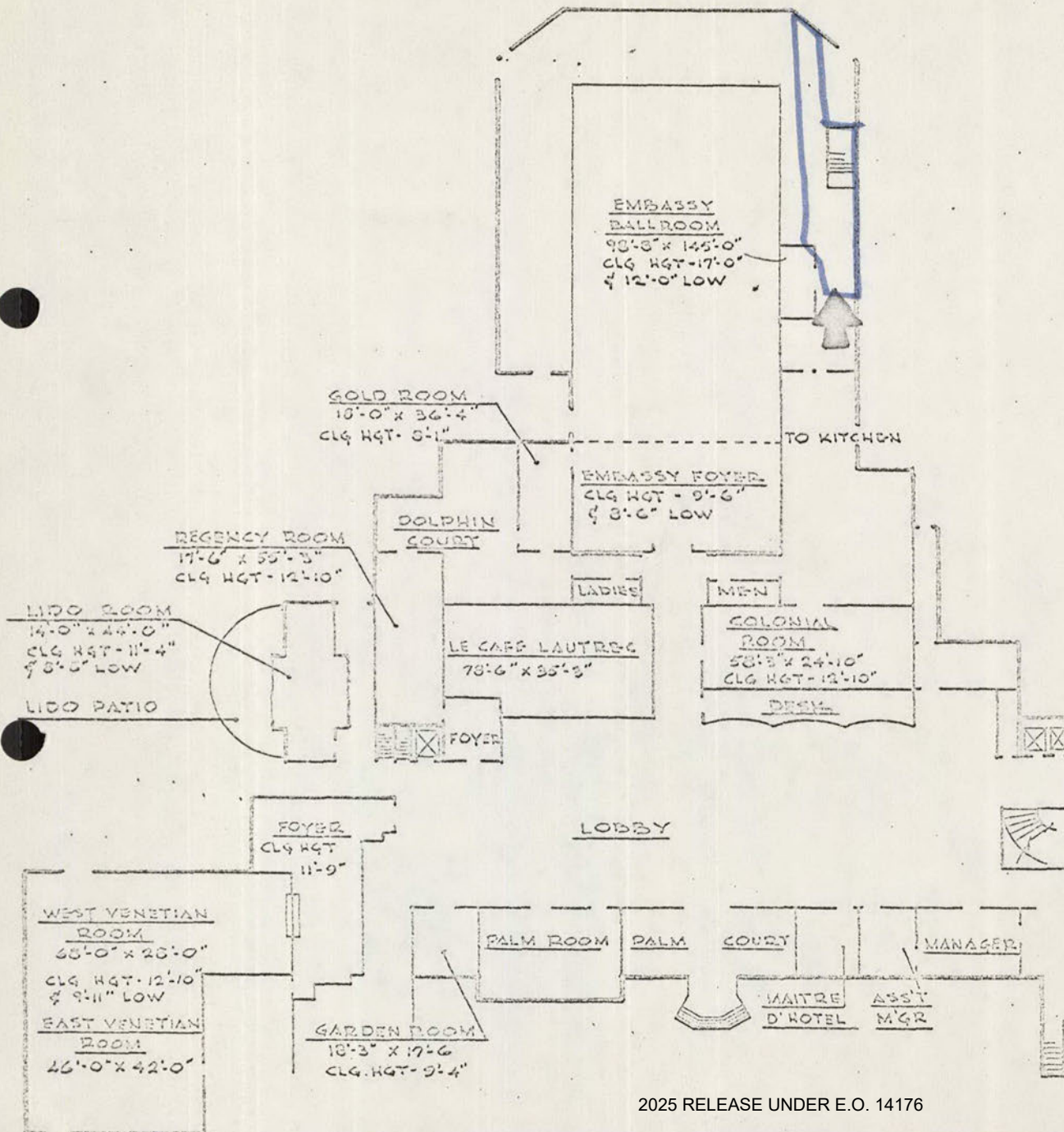
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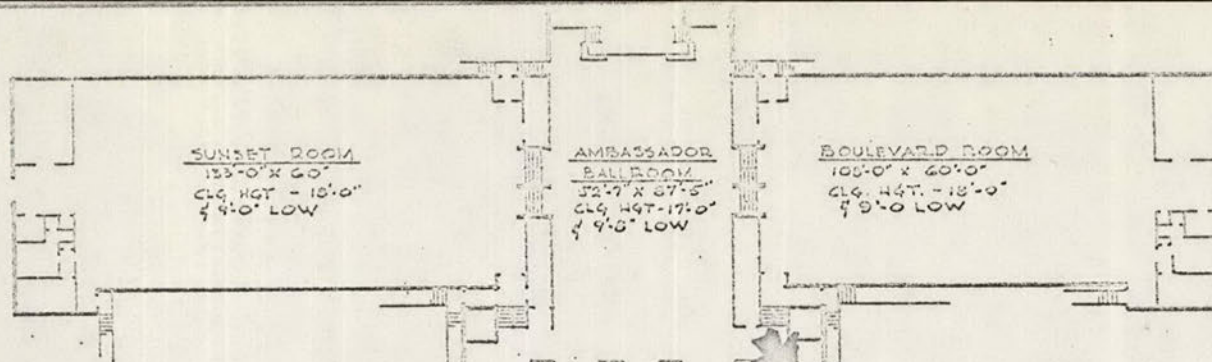
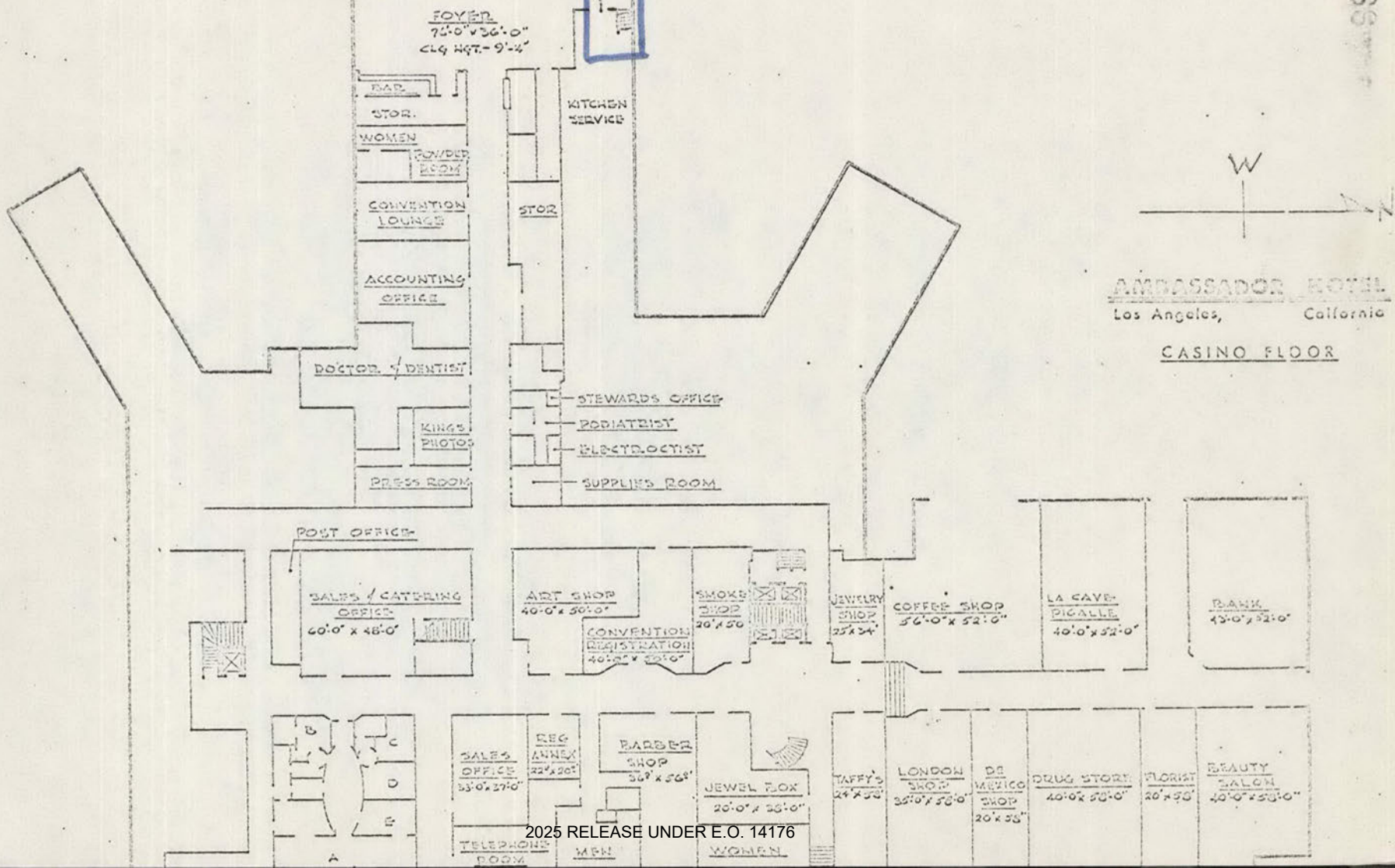


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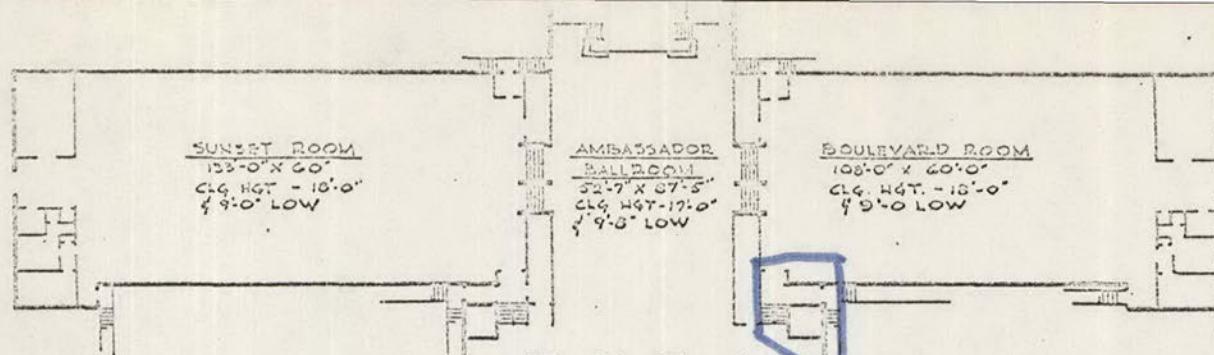
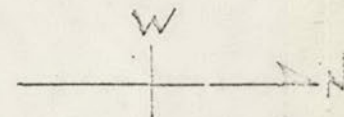


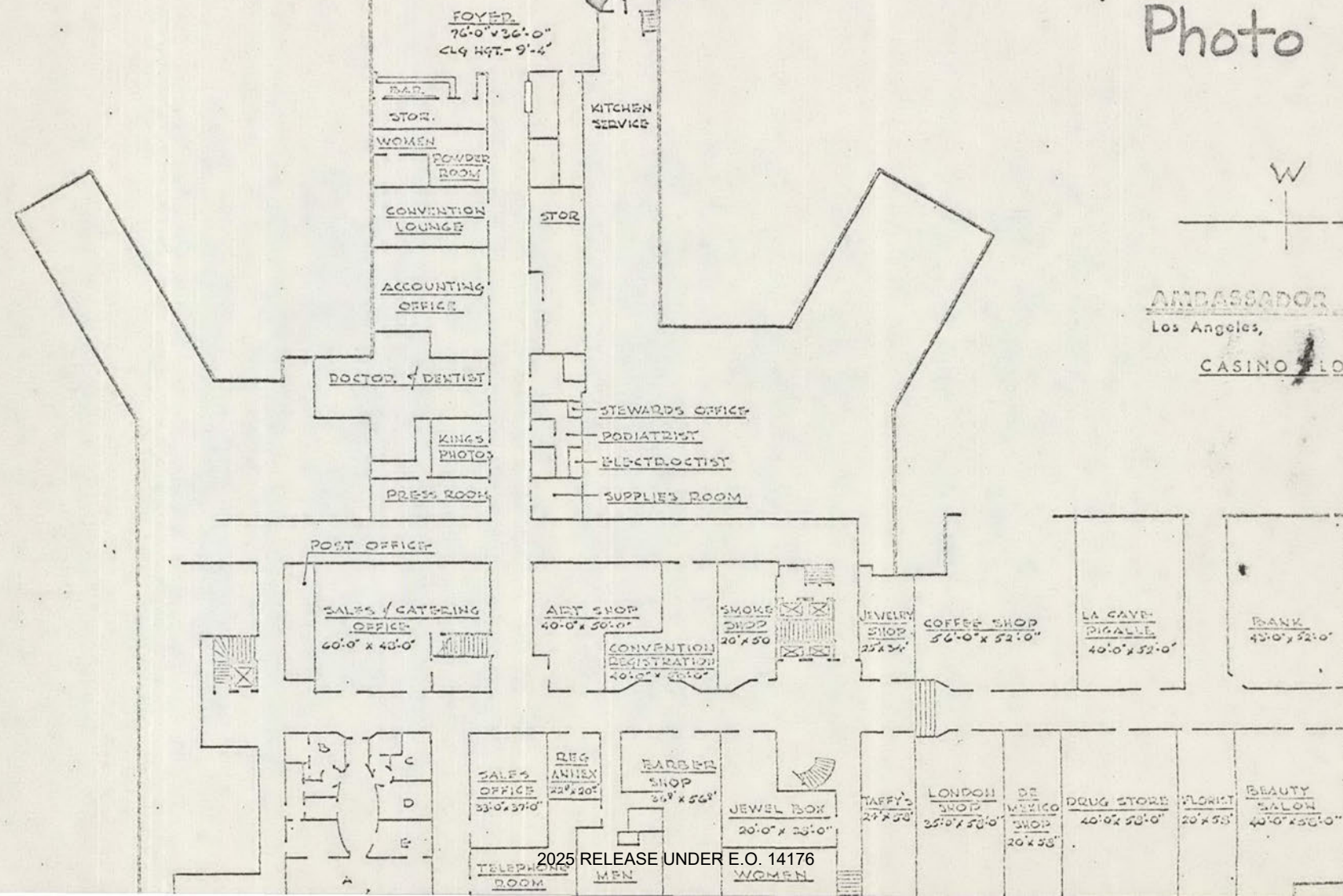
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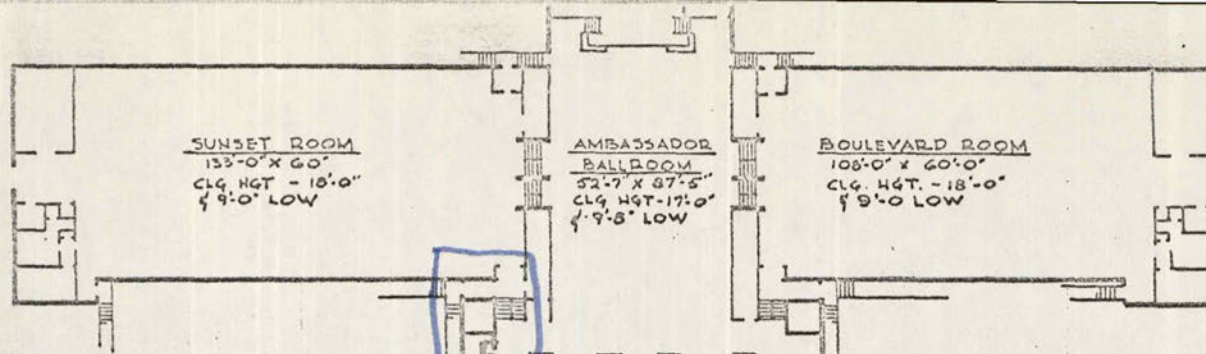
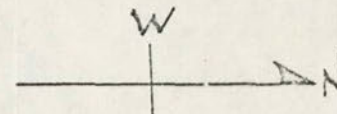
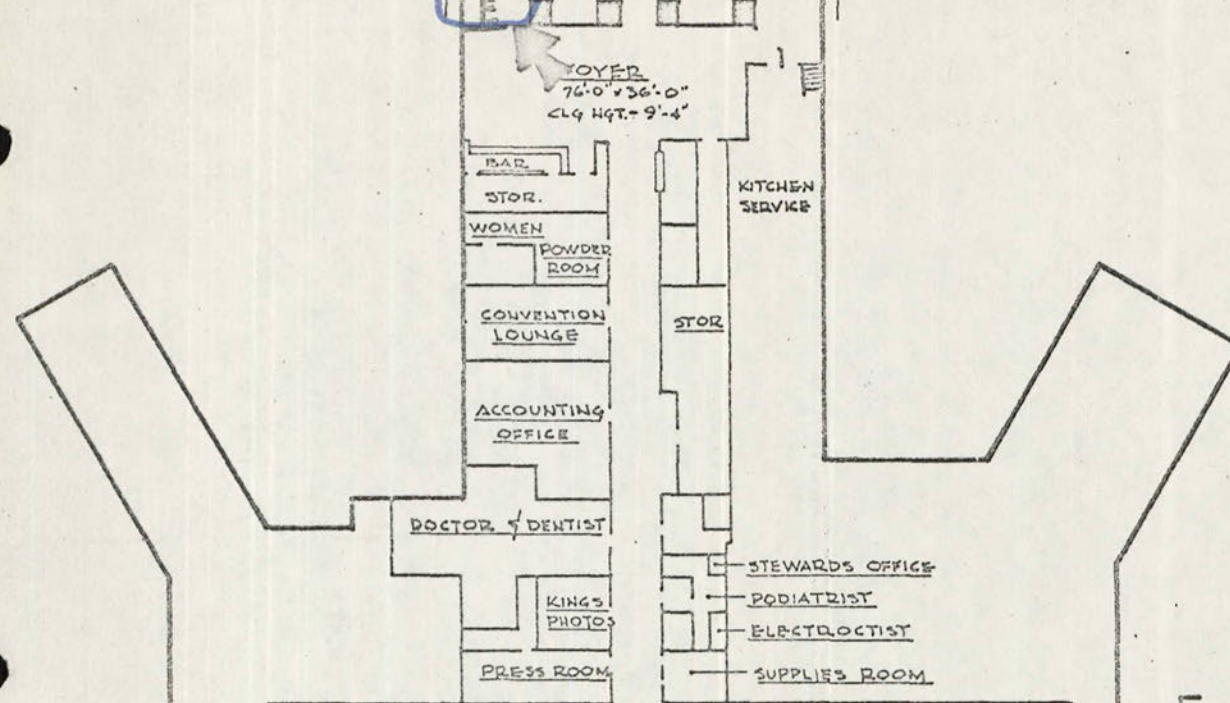


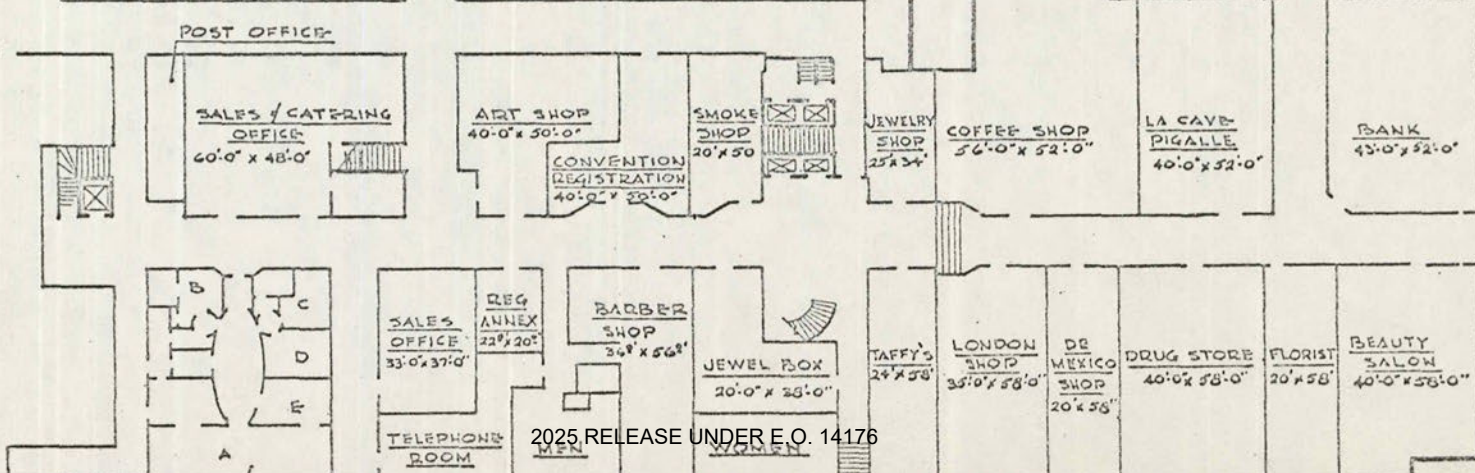
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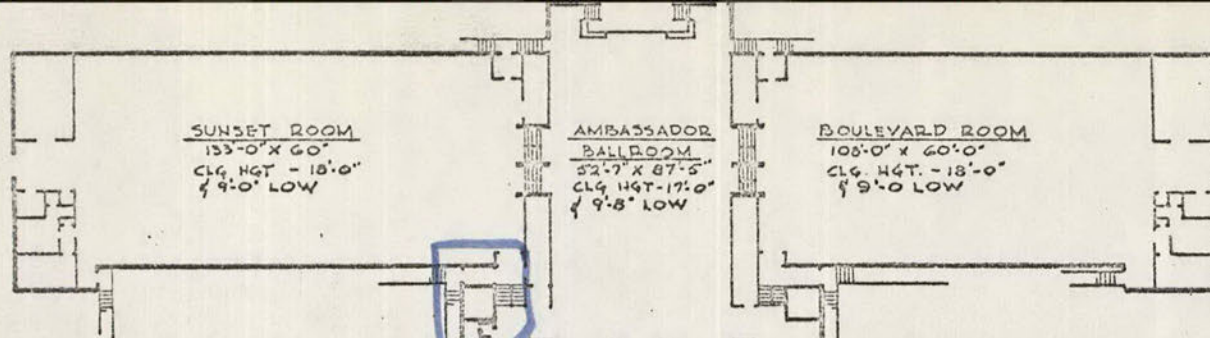
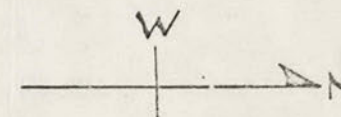


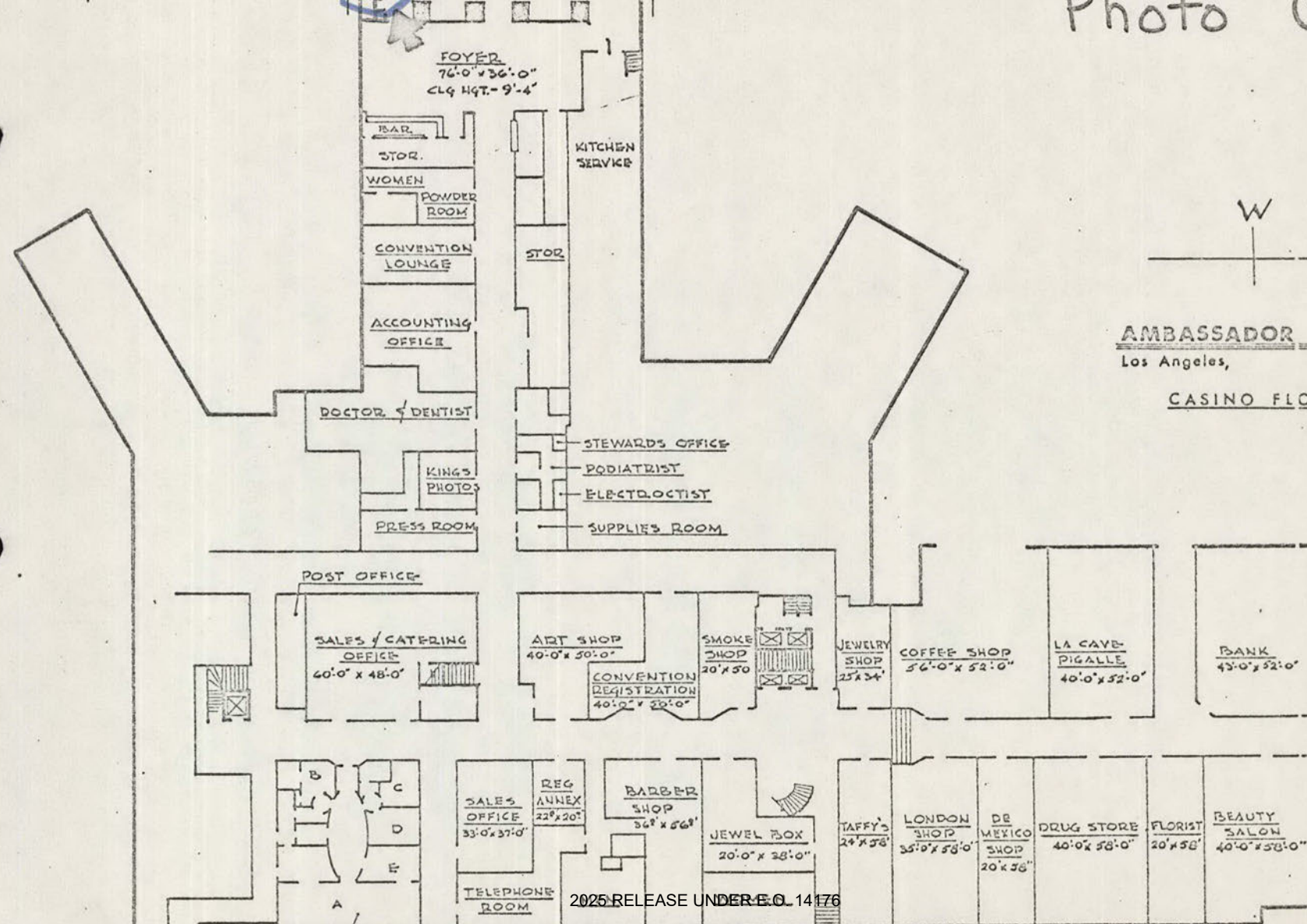
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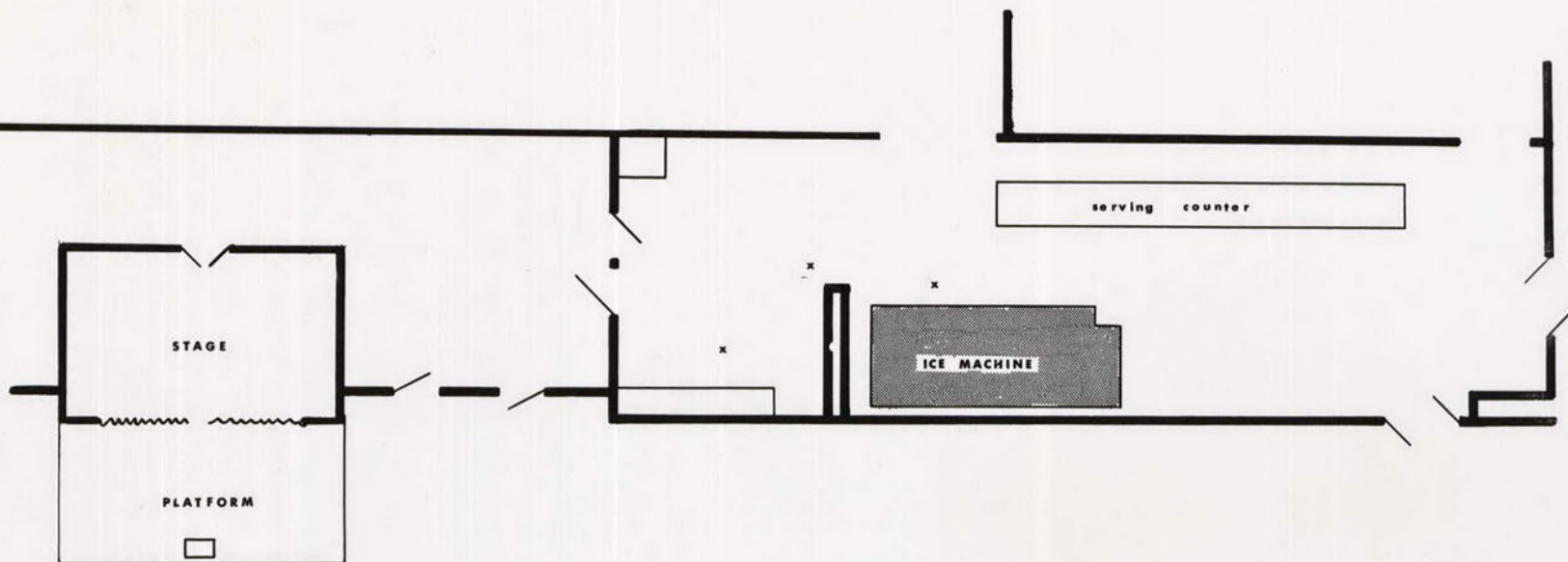
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DIAGRAM OF SHOOTING SCENE

On the following page will be found a reproduction of a diagram of the shooting scene which was published in the Los Angeles Times, I-2, June 6, 1968.

Indicated on this diagram among other things are the locations of Senator KENNEDY when he was shot, the gunman, and each of the five other victims; as well as the location of the TV cameras.

Los Angeles Times
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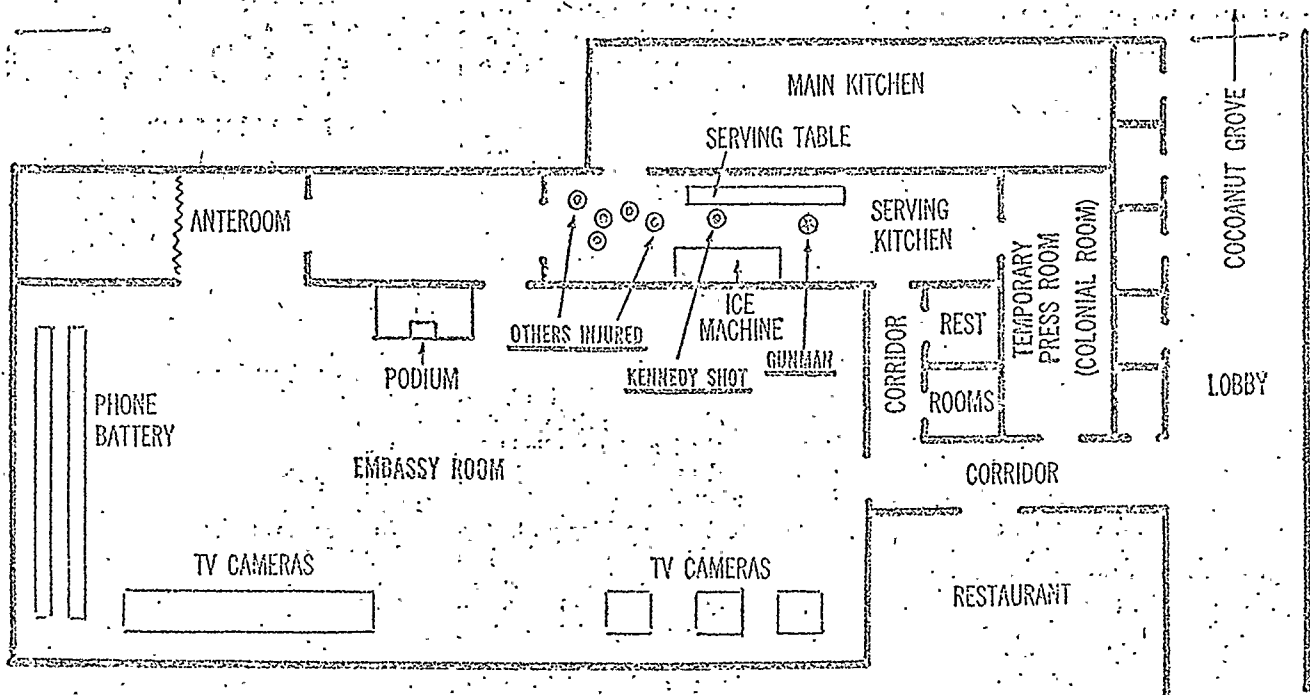


DIAGRAM OF SHOOTING SCENE—Sketch shows the doors leading from behind podium at Embassy

Room and the serving kitchen through which Sen. Kennedy was leaving when he and others were shot. Times drawing by Oliver French

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OTHER VICTIMS OF SHOOTING

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ELIZABETH EVANS, 16032 Placerita Road, Saugus, California, (telephone EM 5-3159 and 295-6644), was interviewed at the Huntington Memorial Hospital, 100 Congress Street, Pasadena, and furnished the following information:

She and her husband, ARTHUR W. EVANS, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at approximately 11:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968 (after previously attending a victory celebration for EVELLE YOUNGER at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles) to renew acquaintance with PIERRE SALINGER, a long-time friend. As ROBERT KENNEDY was delivering his victory speech at the Ambassador Hotel, EVANS proceeded around the speaker's rostrum at the location to the "ante-room" behind the rostrum hoping to contact SALINGER as the KENNEDY party departed. EVANS stood near the door leading from the ante-room to the adjacent kitchen. KENNEDY, closely surrounded by people, proceeded past EVANS and into the kitchen area followed by ETHEL KENNEDY who at this point was two or three steps behind ROBERT KENNEDY. As ETHEL KENNEDY proceeded through this doorway, EVANS heard noises which sounded like a string of firecrackers exploding. At the same time, EVANS lost one of her shoes, and, as she bent over to retrieve same, heard someone exclaim that a woman had been shot. Not realizing that she herself had been shot, EVANS continued to search for her shoe. When EVANS straightened up, blood flowed down her face, and she then realized that she had been shot in the forehead. EVANS did not see anyone else shot, nor did she observe anyone holding any kind of a weapon. Several bystanders immediately removed EVANS to a table near the speaker's rostrum, where she remained until the ambulance arrived and transported her to Central Receiving Hospital. EVANS, who has seen newspaper photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, advised that she could not recall seeing anyone resembling this individual in the hotel at any time.

EVANS advised that the bullet was removed from her forehead in surgery on June 5, 1968, at the Huntington

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Memorial Hospital. EVANS described her condition as good, and indicated that she would probably be released from the hospital by June 9, 1968.

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ARTHUR W. EVANS, 16032 Placerita Road, Saugus, California, was interviewed at the Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, California, where he was visiting his wife, ELIZABETH EVANS, who was shot early (approximately 12:15 a.m.) on the morning of June 5, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel while witnessing a victory celebration for ROBERT F. KENNEDY. EVANS described his wife's condition as good and indicated that she would probably be released from the hospital on June 9, 1968. His wife's physician is Dr. JOHN T. GARNER, 744 Fairmount, Pasadena, California (793-2119). EVANS continued that he and his wife attended a victory celebration for EVELLE YOUNGER at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968. At approximately 11:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, they arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. A victory celebration was being held for ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and they desired to visit with PIERRE SALINGER, who was an old friend of theirs. Between 11:30 p.m. and 12 midnight he and his wife went to the Press Room temporarily set up at the hotel. His wife, using an old press card which she had when she formerly worked for a newspaper, was admitted to the Press Room, but he remained in the lobby. EVANS milled around the lobby until KENNEDY finished his victory speech, at which time he (EVANS) started looking for his wife. A short while later he heard that KENNEDY had been shot, and still later he discovered that his wife had also been shot. EVANS pointed out that he was not in the vicinity of the actual shooting and did not hear any shots fired.

EVANS further advised that he has seen newspaper photographs of SIRHAN, and that he has never seen this individual before either at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 5, 1968 or anywhere else.

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On June 6, 1968, IRA GOLDSTEIN, 4077 Havenhurst Drive, Encino, California, telephone ST 9-8045, related the following information concerning the shooting incident at the Ambassador Hotel in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968:

GOLDSTEIN is employed by Continental News Service, 15300 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California. He arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 7:15 p.m., on June 4, 1968. GOLDSTEIN, after obtaining an Embassy Room Press Pass, went about gathering information concerning the election relating to his job with Continental News Service.

GOLDSTEIN advised when Senator KENNEDY began his victory speech in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, he stationed himself near a television monitor located near the entrance of the hotel kitchen. During KENNEDY's speech, GOLDSTEIN left the television monitor and entered the kitchen area. GOLDSTEIN estimated the number of people in the kitchen area as between ten and fifteen, including hotel guests as well as employees.

GOLDSTEIN advised as he was leaving the kitchen area accompanied by ROBIN CASDEN, 17012 Mooncrest, Encino, California, they were met by Senator KENNEDY and members of his staff. KENNEDY shook hands with CASDEN and continued walking. Seconds later GOLDSTEIN heard six or seven shots or explosions and felt a sharp pain in his hip and immediately fell against the wall.

At this point, GOLDSTEIN advised mass confusion broke out with people running, screaming and shouting. At no time did GOLDSTEIN observe Senator KENNEDY being shot nor at anytime did GOLDSTEIN observe the suspected assassin, SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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GOLDSTEIN advised he was released from Encino General Hospital on the morning of June 6, 1968, and will appear before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on June 7, 1968.

GOLDSTEIN advised the bullet struck him in the left buttocks and tunneled six inches down the left thigh. Surgeon MAX FINKEL extracted the bullet intact and awarded custody to Los Angeles Police Department.

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IRENE FETHERSTON, Secretary, Hospital Administration Office, Kaiser Foundation Hospital, 4867 Sunset Boulevard, advised that her records indicated PAUL HERMAN SCHRADE is 43 years of age and has indicated he resides at the address of 4150 Hillcrest Drive, Los Angeles, California. WILLIAM S. WEISEL, also a patient admitted on June 5, 1968, is 30 years of age and indicates his address is 2700 Upton Street, Washington, D.C. She said that WEISEL was brought to the Kaiser Foundation from the Central Receiving Hospital at Los Angeles, California, by Goodhew Ambulance and Mr. SCHRADE was brought to the hospital from Central Receiving by Schaeffer Ambulance.

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Miss DEYCE PINE, Assistant Director of Nursing, Office of the Administrator, Kaiser Foundation Hospital, 4867 Sunset Boulevard, advised PAUL SCHRADE and WILLIAM WEISEL were both patients at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital. She stated that WEISEL was officially admitted as a patient at 3:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968. He arrived at the hospital shortly before 3:00 a.m., being first treated in the Emergency Room.

Miss PINE stated PAUL SCHRADE officially was admitted to the hospital at 3:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968, having received treatment in the Emergency Room prior to his official admission. Mr. SCHRADE received treatment for gunshot wound in the head, and Mr. WEISEL sustained a gunshot wound in the abdomen. Both patients are currently listed in satisfactory condition.

WILLIAM WEISEL, upon his admittance to the hospital, was taken to the Intensive Care Unit, but is now in Room 339 in the General Care Section of the hospital. She stated that Mr. WEISEL is currently under sedation and uncomfortable. She felt that it would be best not to disturb him at this time for an interview. PAUL SCHRADE is presently in the Intensive Care Unit and prior to his being interviewed it would be necessary to obtain permission from his Physician of Record, Dr. KASPER FUCHS. Dr. FUCHS is a Staff Neurosurgeon of the Kaiser Foundation. Mr. WEISEL is under the care of Dr. WILLIAM NEAL.

Miss PINE stated that she was not certain what time both patients actually arrived at the hospital. She believed both were transported to the hospital by Schaeffer Ambulance from the Central Receiving Hospital at Los Angeles.

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PAUL HERMAN SCHRADE, male Caucasian, born [REDACTED] Saratoga Springs, New York, was interviewed at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, 4867 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. SCHRADE advised he is currently the Director of Western Region No. 6, United Auto Workers, Los Angeles, and resides at 4150 South Hillcrest Drive, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. SCHRADE advised he has taken an active part in the ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign and is himself on the "Democratic Slate" in California. He stated it was in this capacity that he was present at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the evening of June 4, 1968. He was one of the individuals present on the platform in the Embassy Room with Senator KENNEDY and was in the group who walked off the platform past the kitchen area toward the space which had been set up as a "press room". He said that while walking in this crowded area, he heard what first appeared to him as being an electrical circuit break-down, which he described as a "crackling noise". He said that almost immediately, he realized he had been struck in the head and he fell to the floor. Mr. SCHRADE said he must have been in the state of shock since his recollection then is that he noticed considerable blood on himself in the area of the head and chest and thought he had been struck by some object in the chest, although he later learned that he had been struck in the head by a bullet.

Mr. SCHRADE said he, at the time of the incident, was walking approximately six to eight feet behind Senator KENNEDY. He said he did not see Senator KENNEDY shot and did not see the assailant. He said the incident came as a complete surprise to him and he had no warning whatsoever. He neither saw nor heard anyone which he could connect with the assailant. He said he had never heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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SCHRADE recalls that he had arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 PM on June 4, 1968, and he recalls it was shortly after midnight, June 5, 1968, when the group was in the process of departing, that this incident occurred.

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WILLIAM SWEET WEISEL, Kaiser Foundation Hospital, 4867 Sunset Boulevard, advised that he was born on February 26, [REDACTED] at Altoona, Pennsylvania, and presently resides at 2700 Upton Street, Washington, D.C. Mr. WEISEL stated that he is currently employed as an Assistant Director of Television by the American Broadcasting Company and was assigned to cover the six primary campaigns with Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY alternating between the two.

Mr. WEISEL stated that early in the evening of the 4th of June 1968, he was on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel with a walkie talkie. He stated that later that evening and during KENNEDY's victory speech, he and DAVID JAYNE, his producer, were in the anteroom preparing to cover KENNEDY's departure. He stated that as KENNEDY's speech ended, and he came through the swinging doors from the ballroom and across to the kitchen door, he and JAYNE started downstairs. Mr. WEISEL stated he was fighting through the crowd and came through the kitchen door sideways facing back toward the ball room when he heard numerous "cracks." He stated that at the time, he thought there was a demonstration in the kitchen but when he looked up he saw one person on the floor and another falling to the floor.

He advised that he then felt three thumps in his side but no pain. He stated he then turned to JAYNE, who was behind him and stated, "DAVE, I think I've been hit." Several persons then pushed him to the floor and that is where he stayed until assisted to the hospital. Mr. WEISEL stated that although ROBERT KENNEDY was only about six feet in front of him when he (WEISEL) was passing through the kitchen door, he never saw him at all. He also stated that several officers of the Los Angeles Police Department had exhibited a photograph of the suspected assassin to him but he had been unable to identify it at all. He further stated that he could remember no girl in a white or polka dot dress.

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Mr. WEISEL stated that should he remember any further information in regards to the events that transpired on that night and morning in question, he would immediately advise the FBI.

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JERROLD BRYON HEMINGWAY, Ambulance Driver, Goodhew Ambulance Service, 1826 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that his home address is 715 South St. Andrews Place, Apartment 302, Los Angeles, California

On June 5, 1968 at approximately 12:20 A.M., HEMINGWAY stated that the ambulance dispatcher informed him that he had just heard over the radio that ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot at. At 12:29 A.M., a call was received from a Dr. DAVIS informing the ambulance service that they were to proceed to the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, to pick up Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. HEMINGWAY and RICHARD BLAIRE WALKER proceeded to the hotel but, upon arriving, found that Senator KENNEDY had already been taken to Central Receiving Hospital, Los Angeles, California. HEMINGWAY and WALKER found that WILLIAM WEISEL who was suffering from gunshot wounds had been moved to the lot of the Ambassador Hotel and was lying there on a table. HEMINGWAY and WALKER placed WEISEL into the ambulance and took him to the Central Receiving Hospital. WEISEL remained conscious throughout the whole period and complained that he thought he had been shot three times. Upon arriving at the Central Receiving Hospital, the doctors were unable to immediately attend to WEISEL as they were in the process of taking care of Senator KENNEDY. HEMINGWAY and WALKER stripped WEISEL and found a bullet wound in the left side of his abdomen. HEMINGWAY and WALKER later transferred WEISEL to Kaiser Hospital located at the corner of Sunset and Edgemont, Los Angeles, California.

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RICHARD BLAIRE WALKER, 1030 Westlake Avenue, Apartment 7, Los Angeles, California, advised that he is an ambulance driver for Goodhew Ambulance Service, 1826 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, California.

On the night of June 5, 1968, WALKER and JERROLD BRYON HEMINGWAY were dispatched by the Goodhew Ambulance Service to the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, to pick up Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY who had been shot at the hotel. When WALKER and HEMINGWAY arrived, they found that KENNEDY had already been removed and that WILLIAM WEISEL who had also been shot was in need of an ambulance. WALKER stated that he and HEMINGWAY drove WEISEL to the hospital and he, WALKER, rode in the back of the ambulance with WEISEL. WEISEL remained conscious throughout the ordeal and complained that he thought that he had been shot three times. WALKER stated that, upon examination of WEISEL at the hospital by himself and HEMINGWAY, they discovered WEISEL had been shot one time in the left side of the abdomen. WALKER stated that he and HEMINGWAY later transported WEISEL to the Kaiser Hospital, Los Angeles, California.

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Mr. DAVID S. GREENBERG, Controller, Midway Hospital, 5925 San Vicente Boulevard, was contacted at his place of business, and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, made available a copy of a Midway Hospital Admittance Sheet on IRWIN STROLL.

A review of this sheet showed that STROLL had been admitted into Midway Hospital at 1:40 a.m. on June 5, 1968, and was assigned to Room 303 in the hospital. This sheet indicated his attending physician was LEWIS COZEN. The physician's diagnosis of the patient was listed as "Debriment of Wound LT Cleft."

Mr. GREENBERG stated that medical records pertaining to STROLL would not be completed until after he had been released as a patient from the hospital. He requested that in order for the hospital to release STROLL's medical records, a subpoena duces tecum be issued to himself at the above address.

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Mr. IRWIN NEAL STROLL was contacted in Room 303, Midway Hospital, 5925 San Vicente Boulevard, and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, he was interviewed regarding the events which took place at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4-5, 1968.

STROLL stated that he was born on March 30, [REDACTED] in Brooklyn, New York, but presently resided with his parents at 6089 Horner Street, Los Angeles, telephone WE 5-3735. He is presently a student at Fairfax High School in Los Angeles. In addition to being a student, he has also been working at the Wilshire Boulevard division of the KENNEDY for President campaign headquarters. This is located at 5615 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. Because of his admiration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he made a pillow which he intended to present as a gift to KENNEDY on the night of June 4, 1968. He had discussed presenting this gift to Senator KENNEDY with STEPHEN SMITH, who was the Southern California coordinator for the KENNEDY campaign. SMITH told him that Senator KENNEDY would be very happy to receive such a gift and instructed him to bring it to the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, and arrangements would be made to have him present his gift after Senator KENNEDY had spoken to his supporters. On the evening of June 4, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel in the company of MIDGE JAY, who is secretary to STEPHEN SMITH. After arriving at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, he was instructed to watch a door which is located on the rear west side of the podium from which Senator KENNEDY was to make his speech. He was assigned to watch this door with an associate of his by the name of DAVID ESQUITH. They were instructed to allow no one to enter or leave the Embassy Room by this door.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., Senator KENNEDY and his associates entered the Embassy Room through the door where STROLL was standing. As KENNEDY passed, STROLL shook

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hands with him and congratulated him on his success. KENNEDY then made a speech to his supporters in the Embassy Room. Upon termination of his speech, he turned and left the podium by passing through a green curtain to the rear of the podium. His associates followed. This took them to the corridor which ran east to west, adjacent to the Embassy Room. KENNEDY and his associates began to walk west down the corridor. Senator KENNEDY was walking at the head of the group, followed by California State Assemblyman JESSE UNRUH, PIERRE SALINGER, STEPHEN SMITH, KENNEDY's brother-in-law, two members of the press, RAFAEL JOHNSON, Mrs. ROBERT KENNEDY, and ROSIE GRIER, the professional football player. As this group walked west down the corridor, they passed the doorway where STROLL was standing. As the group passed, he received a signal from STEPHEN SMITH, KENNEDY's brother-in-law, to fall in behind so that STROLL could present his gift to KENNEDY when the Senator reached his room.

STROLL advised that when he walked into the corridor to the rear of KENNEDY's procession, he was standing near Mrs. KENNEDY. It was at this time that he heard a series of noises which sounded to him like firecrackers being exploded. He thought there were six such noises. He recalled thinking to himself that someone was setting off firecrackers. His immediate reaction was to push out with his hands, and he believed he pushed Mrs. KENNEDY, because when he looked down, he saw Mrs. KENNEDY lying on the floor, and ROSIE GRIER was lying on top of her. He stated it was at this point that he felt a blow to his left leg and thought at the time that someone had kicked him. Immediately following the series of small noises, people began rushing into the corridor. He ran out of the corridor into the Embassy Room through the doorway which he had previously been watching. When he entered the Embassy Room, he looked down at his leg and saw blood and then realized that he had been shot. He yelled, "I have been shot. I have been shot." His friend, DAVID ESQUITH, who had not entered the corridor with him, was standing at the doorway, and upon hearing STROLL state he had been shot, proceeded to help him out of the Embassy Room. He was then carried down the stairs and then through the front exit of the hotel. There someone put him into a Yellow Cab, and he was taken to the Central Receiving Hospital, where he was treated for his wound. He was subsequently released from the Central Receiving Hospital and admitted to the Midway Hospital.

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STROLL advised that at no time did he see his assailant nor did he even realize at the time that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. Since the incident, he has observed the suspect's photo on television. STROLL advised that he has never seen the individual depicted as the suspect before.

STROLL stated that his doctor told him that he would probably be released on Saturday, June 8, 1968. His doctor also told him that the bullet which struck him appeared to have ricocheted from the floor before it hit him in the left leg.

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SEARCH OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN'S ROOM
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June 8, 1968

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At approximately 10:15 AM on June 5, 1968, Detective Lieutenant GERALD WRIGHT, Pasadena Police Department, advised SA J. ROBERT SULLIVAN that the brother of the man who allegedly shot Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was being interviewed at the Pasadena Police Department by Los Angeles Police Department detectives. He identified the suspect as SIRHAN SIRHAN and his brother as ADEL SIRHAN. Lieutenant WRIGHT introduced SA SULLIVAN to Detective Sergeant WILLIAM BRANDT, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). SA SULLIVAN informed Sergeant BRANDT of the FBI's interest in this case. BRANDT stated he had already informed ADEL SIRHAN of his rights and they were nearly through interviewing him. He said they planned to take him to the Rampart Division Station and invited SA SULLIVAN into the interview room.

SA SULLIVAN identified himself to ADEL SIRHAN and informed him SA SULLIVAN was interested in obtaining some information concerning his family in general and his brother SIRHAN in particular. After obtaining this information from ADEL SIRHAN, SA SULLIVAN left the interview room and immediately telephoned this information to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI. After approximately five minutes SA SULLIVAN returned to the interview room and was informed by Sergeant BRANDT that arrangements had been made to go to the SIRHAN residence before going to the Rampart Division.

SA SULLIVAN accompanied Sergeant BRANDT, Detective JIM EVANS, Central Homicide Division, LAPD, and ADEL SIRHAN in the LAPD car. Upon arrival at the SIRHAN residence, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, the entire block was observed to be crowded with vehicles and approximately 20 or more individuals who appeared to be reporters were on the front lawn. There were also many people standing around in the vicinity of the SIRHAN house. SA SULLIVAN observed unidentified newsmen examining trash in the trash cans at the rear of the residence.

Sergeant BRANDT and Detective EVANS accompanied by ADEL SIRHAN immediately entered the residence by the front door.

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SA SULLIVAN went to the rear of the house with other LAPD detectives to determine if there had been anything taken by newsmen from the trash cans. SA SULLIVAN does not know if anything was taken from the trash cans prior to his arrival. The two detectives began sorting the trash and SA SULLIVAN entered the house through the rear door. On entering the house Sergeant BRANDT informed SA SULLIVAN that a search was underway in SIRHAN SIRHAN's room located in the southeast corner of the one-story house. Sergeant BRANDT and Detective EVANS were quickly checking through notes, notebooks and papers in SIRHAN's room. SA SULLIVAN did not participate in the search but merely observed the search as being conducted by Sergeant BRANDT and Detective EVANS. Sergeant BRANDT did show certain items to SA SULLIVAN. These were two notebooks and the front of one envelope.

At approximately 12:00 noon Sergeant BRANDT, Detective EVANS, ADEL SIRHAN and SA SULLIVAN left the SIRHAN residence and drove directly to the Rampart Division Station. The two notebooks and the envelope were taken by Sergeant BRANDT and it is not known if he gave a receipt or an inventory listing to ADEL SIRHAN or anyone else. After arriving at the Rampart Station SA SULLIVAN left to telephone the Los Angeles Office of the FBI to advise of the developments outlined above. After using the telephone SA SULLIVAN joined Sergeant BRANDT and others in another part of the building. SA SULLIVAN observed Mayor SAM YORTY in the room where the interview was being conducted examining the notebooks and material obtained by Sergeant BRANDT and Detective EVANS from the SIRHAN residence.

SA SULLIVAN inquired of Lieutenant CHARLES HUGHES, Chief of Detectives of the Rampart Division, if the material obtained at the SIRHAN residence could be obtained for submission to the FBI Laboratory for examination. Lieutenant HUGHES instructed LEE SMITH, LAPD, to examine each page and then inventory the material and turn it over to the FBI.

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At 2:50 P.M. on June 5, 1968, Sergeant WILLIAM E. BRANDT, Los Angeles Police Department, furnished the original of the following items to SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR. and advised that all of these items were obtained by the police at the residence of SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard, Street, Pasadena, California:

One Honorable Discharge Certificate issued to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN from the California Cadet Corps, dated June 1963

One piece of torn poster board with writing on one side.

One single page notebook size paper beginning with "I have often experienced momentary..." and ending with "...and those of Ghandis".

One single page notebook size paper beginning with "The new epic (music structure)..." and ending on reverse side with "...Henry James' story and realistic".

One single page notebook size paper beginning with "One book, Master of Life, interested me..." and ending with "... I submit my application". Reverse side contains scribbling which appears to be in a foreign language.

One single page notebook size paper beginning with "If you decided to..." and ending on reverse side with "...how to swing a golf club properly".

One single page notebook size paper beginning with "1. Store for life. ." and ending on reverse side with "...was a cattle kingdom".

One single page notebook size paper beginning with "Cattle kingdom beginning.. " and ending on reverse side with words "patent, subsidy, tariff"

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One single page notebook size paper beginning with "Rosecrucian Philosophy..." and ending with "...I am very sorry"

One strip containing three photographs of male individual.

One brown, letter size envelope with return address of U. S. Treasury Department, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California, with penciled-in handwriting across face of envelope, stating "RFK must be disposed of like his brother was". Also, on bottom of envelope on the front side is the penciled-in word "reactionary".

One brown spiral wirebound notebook, No. 302, \$.10 copy, containing various names and addresses.

One campaign leaflet stating "Meet a winner, Senator Eugene McCarthy..."

One pamphlet entitled "The Opinion" (Independent Student Publication) consisting of two pages, dated Friday, March 30, 1962.

Two pages, Russian 1-B final with printed sentences in English and translation to some foreign language.

One pamphlet entitled "Mental Projection - You can project things metaphysically right into being". Pamphlet consists of four pages.

One business card of BORIS YARO, Staff Writer, Los Angeles Times, San Gabriel Valley Section, with phone number and address on back side as follows: 625 West 28th Street, Los Angeles, 746-9541.

One Simpson Indexed Filler, wirebound, No. 9804, \$.98 copy, with penciled and penned handwriting on various pages

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One copy of "The Christian Science Monitor" dated Boston, Thursday, May 23, 1968, containing two sections.

One green Simpson Lee Paper Company notebook, 11" by 8½", \$.45 copy, labeled with printing "Pasadena City College" on front cover, with front page beginning with "Life - hydrogen born..." and last page ending with "...perception by Gestalt".

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Photo copies of original items or documents obtained on 6/5/68, from the Los Angeles Police Department, Rampart Division, have been placed in the Exhibit Section of this report.

All items were found at the residence of SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California. All items were single sheet or loose pages unless preceded by a page indicating it is a part of a bound volume.

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TRACING OF GUN USED IN SHOOTING

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The weapon taken from SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and the other individuals at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, was determined by the Los Angeles Police Department to be a .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol, bearing serial number H53725. The Los Angeles Police Department advised that this pistol contained eight shots and that all eight shots were expended.

Los Angeles Police Department records under DR 68521466 reflect that this gun was traced by the Homicide Division of the Los Angeles Police Department on June 5, 1968.

According to this report, information was received by the Los Angeles Police Department from Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII), Sacramento, which indicated that this particular weapon was registered to an ALBERT LESLIE HERTZ of 777 East Valley Boulevard, Apartment 32, Alhambra, California, telephone number 289-3311. CII records reflected that this gun was purchased on August 10, 1965, in Pasadena.

Further, the Los Angeles Police Department report reflects that, on June 5, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT L. HERTZ were interviewed concerning this weapon. They stated that this particular gun had been purchased in August of 1965 by Mr. HERTZ. Several months later, Mrs. HERTZ gave this gun to her daughter, DANA. DANA was identified by Mrs. HERTZ to be DANA WESTLAKE who currently resides at 349 Redwood Drive in Woodacre, California, telephone number 415 454-3202. Mrs. WESTLAKE resides at this location with her husband, ROBERT F. WESTLAKE.

The Los Angeles Police Department contacted the Marin County Sheriff's Office who interviewed Mrs. WESTLAKE

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and informed the Los Angeles Police Department that Mrs. WESTLAKE, while still living in Pasadena, California, either in the latter part of November or the first part of December 1967, gave this gun to a neighbor boy. She stated that the boy was identical to GEORGE ERHARD of 1978 Olive Way, Pasadena, California, 798-3957. Later on the morning of June 5, 1968, the Los Angeles Police Department contacted GEORGE ERHARD, who advised that Mrs. WESTLAKE gave him the gun around the first of the year in 1968 and that he had it only a very short time before he sold it. He stated that he sold the weapon to a person that works with him at the Nash Department Store located in Pasadena, California, on the northeast corner of Arroyo and Colorado Streets. ERHARD stated that the individual to whom he sold the gun was known only to him as JOE, whom he described as a male, Latin in appearance, but he thought that the individual was an Arab. ERHARD indicated to the police that he could recognize and point out this individual he knew as JOE. ERHARD was taken to the Nash Department Store in Pasadena, where JOE, who was later identified as MUNIR SIRHAN, "was taken into custody". At this time, according to the Los Angeles Police Department report, officers received information that ADEL SIRHAN "was also in custody" at the Pasadena Police Department.

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GEORGE CHARLES ERHARD, JR., 1978 Olive Way, Pasadena, California, was interviewed concerning selling a .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol to MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN.

ERHARD was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and he was interviewed in the presence of his mother, Mrs. HELEN B. ERHARD, at his residence.

ERHARD stated that he originally obtained the pistol, serial number unrecalled, from a former neighbor, Mrs. DANA TULITA WESTLAKE, who now resides with her husband, ROBERT F. WESTLAKE, 349 Redwood Drive, Woodacre, California, in about December 1967.

He stated that the pistol was given to him as Mrs. WESTLAKE did not want it around the house where her children could get hold of it, and she knew that he collected guns.

He said that he believes LESLIE H. HERTZ, father of Mrs. WESTLAKE, was the original owner.

He described the pistol as an Iver Johnson, eight shot, double action, .22 caliber pistol which he believed had not been shot prior to his obtaining it.

He stated that he possessed the pistol until about February 15, 1968, when he sold it to a fellow employee at the F. C. Nash Company, a department store, 141 East Colorado Street, Pasadena, California, known to him as "JOE".

He identified a photograph of MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN, also known as "JOE", who is employed at Nash's, as the individual to whom he sold the pistol.

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He stated that "JOE" was not a friend but rather an acquaintance he knew at work. He stated that "JOE" had heard from some of the other employees that he (ERHARD) collects guns and in early January 1968, "JOE" asked him if he had a gun for sale which could be used for "hunting". "JOE" specified a hand gun for under \$50, but ERHARD had no guns for sale at that time.

ERHARD stated that in about February 1968, he needed money to fix up his automobile so he mentioned to "JOE" that he might have a gun for sale. He stated that he believed this was on a Saturday at work and "JOE" asked him to bring the gun to work so he could see it.

ERHARD stated that he believes he brought the Iver Johnson .22 to the customer parking lot of Nash's on the following Monday where "JOE" came out to his car and looked at the pistol.

ERHARD was asking \$27 to \$30 for the pistol and "JOE" stated that he did not have enough money with him at that time and requested ERHARD to meet him later that afternoon at the corner of Howard Street and an unrecalled cross street at about 5:30 PM.

ERHARD stated that he and another friend, BILL PRICE, 2488 Galbraith Road, Pasadena, California, drove to the Howard Street location in his (ERHARD) Corvair automobile. "JOE" and another individual described as a dark complexioned male with black curly hair were standing on the corner.

ERHARD got out of the automobile and walked to the rear of the automobile and talked with "JOE" about the pistol. The other individual walked to the side of the automobile and talked with PRICE. ERHARD stated that he believed that he had the pistol with him at this time and he and "JOE" bargained for it. ERHARD was asking \$30 and "JOE" and the other individual

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walked away from ERHARD and PRICE who had joined him in the discussion. ERHARD stated that "JOE" and this other individual appeared to be talking in a foreign tongue, possibly Arabic.

Both individuals walked back to where ERHARD and PRICE were standing and "JOE" stated that he did not have quite enough money but he would purchase the pistol for \$25. ERHARD agreed and "JOE" had to borrow about \$6 from the other individual. ERHARD recalls that he gave the pistol to "JOE" who handed him the \$25. He stated that no ammunition was sold with the pistol.

ERHARD reviewed photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN and identified MUNIR as "JOE". He stated he was unable to identify a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN as the individual with "JOE" who had loaned "JOE" the \$6.

ERHARD stated that he does not recall any specific identifying features of the pistol which he sold to "JOE", but he might possibly be able to identify the brown cardboard box containing the pistol.

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WILLIAM EDMOND PRICE, 2488 Galbraith Road, Pasadena, California, was interviewed concerning his knowledge of a .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol sold to MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN. PRICE was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and he was interviewed in the presence of his mother, Mrs. PAUL EDMOND PRICE, at his residence.

PRICE stated that in February 1968, he was visiting a friend, GEORGE CHARLES ERHARD, 1978 Olive Way, Pasadena, California, who was working on a recently purchased automobile.

ERHARD asked him to go with him as he hoped to sell a pistol to a fellow employee.

He stated that they drove to a location on Howard Street, the cross street unrecalled, in ERHARD's 1962 Corvair automobile.

He stated that he recalls it was approximately 6 PM, when they arrived at the corner where two fellows were standing.

ERHARD got out of the automobile and walked to the back and talked with an individual later known to him as "JOE". PRICE remained in the automobile with the pistol.

A short time later ERHARD returned to the automobile and took the pistol and returned to the rear of the automobile with "JOE".

The individual accompanying "JOE" came over to the automobile and talked with PRICE. A short time later PRICE got out of the automobile and he and the other individual joined ERHARD and "JOE" and discussed selling the pistol.

PRICE recalls that "JOE" stated that he wanted his brother to see the pistol and his brother looked over the pistol.

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ERHARD and "JOE" bargained over the price of the pistol as ERHARD was asking \$30.

He stated that the two brothers walked away and started talking in a foreign language. A short time later they came back and settled on \$25, of which "JOE" obtained about \$6 from his brother. PRICE stated that he recalls that there was no ammunition with the pistol and it was in a brown cardboard box with a velvet type lining and he recalls the word "Iver" on the box. He stated that he does not believe that he could positively identify the pistol or the box if seen again.

He stated that he recalls "JOE" mentioning several times that the pistol was to be used for hunting. PRICE stated that both brothers discussed the price of the pistol but "JOE" did the actual purchasing and the pistol was in "JOE's" possession after the transaction. He described "JOE's" brother as 5'5", thin build, black greasy hair, unkempt and wavy with dark eyes. He stated that the brother appeared to be older than "JOE" and he believes that he could identify him if he saw him again.

He identified a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN as being identical with "JOE's" brother, mentioned above.

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The following is a photograph of the weapon used in the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. This photograph was taken by LARRY SHARKEY of the "Los Angeles Times".



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SEARCH OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN'S CAR
BY LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1Date 6/6/68

On June 5, 1968, SA FREDRICK E. BECKER, FBI, observed the search of a 1956 De Soto, two-door, V-8, pink and white in color, bearing 1963 California license JWS 093, and Vehicle Identification No. 62050511, which was registered to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. This examination was conducted by Officer JAMES E. CLABORN, Badge 6023, Special Investigation Division (SID), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), under the authority of a local search warrant.

Examination of the vehicle revealed the presence of a "Los Angeles Times" newspaper issued June 5, 1968. The odometer reading of the vehicle was found to be 80968.3. What appeared to be two spent .22 caliber lead projectiles were found on top of the front seat on the passenger side of the automobile. One business card from the "Lock Stock and Barrel" gun and fishing equipment store, 8972 East Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, was found on the rear floor of the automobile on the passenger side. Officer CLABORN examined the contents of the glove compartment and found one empty box of CCI Mini Mag High Power .22 caliber bullets. One sales receipt, No. 2372, of the Lock Stock and Barrel store was found in the glove compartment and this receipt reflected the purchase of four boxes of .22 caliber bullets for the sum of \$3.99 which was paid for in cash on June 1, 1968. A wallet holding identification in the name of SIRHAN SIRHAN was located in the glove compartment. The trunk of the automobile was found to contain three old spare tires and numerous rags. A book entitled "Healing-The Divine Art" was found in the back seat of the automobile.

Officer CLABORN advised that the automobile was to be impounded by the LAPD at the time of the examination. He further advised that official lists of items taken from the car could be secured through him and Officer C. D. WHITE. Officer CLABORN processed the automobile for latent fingerprints and advised that he obtained several fairly good impressions from the steering wheel area and the glove compartment.

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At approximately 4:00 p.m. on June 5, 1968, a 1956 De Soto Sportsman, white over pink in color with a white panel along each side, bearing California license JWS 093, 1968 tab number A0929926, was located in the 3200 block of New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, California, parked on the east side of the street about one-half block south of Wilshire Boulevard. Closer observation determined this vehicle to have an eight cylinder engine, a fireflite transmission and a radio antenna on the right rear fender. It was noted this vehicle was located at parking meter number 436 and that a parking violation ticket, number 39-43559 M, dated June 5, 1968, at 8:35 a.m., had been issued for this vehicle by the Los Angeles Police Department and had been placed under the windshield wiper on the driver's side.

It was also observed that State of California vehicle registration certificate attached to the steering column and visible through the window on the driver's side of the vehicle reflected the registered owner to be SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. The registration certificate also reflected the Vehicle Identification Number of this vehicle to be 62050511.

At approximately 4:35 p.m. Officers R. W. JOHNSTONE, Serial Number 11506, and L. D. YANT, Serial Number 12607, assigned to the Rampart Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, arrived at the vehicle's location and advised that their department was in the process of obtaining a search warrant for this vehicle.

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SA's WILLIAM L. BOURQUE and
by JOSEPH A. HANLON JAH:nmb:rah:jmk Date dictated 6/6/68

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1Date 6/9/68

Lieutenant ALBIN HEGGE, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was advised at 4:05 p.m. by SA WILLIE R. WHITE that Special Agents of the FBI located SIRHAN B. SIRHAN's car described as a 1956 De Soto bearing California license JWS 093. Lieutenant HEGGE was advised that the car was located on the east side of New Hampshire Street south of Wilshire Boulevard. The car was placed under observation and was being protected to preserve any possible evidence.

Lieutenant HEGGE advised that he would immediately dispatch black and white patrol cars to the area together with the necessary laboratory examiners for the search of the vehicle. Lieutenant HEGGE stated that this would require the obtaining of a search warrant which he would personally handle.

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Lieutenant ALBIN HEGGE, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, furnished a copy of the vehicle report to SA WILLIE R. WHITE on June 6, 1968. This report contains the location and impounding of the 1956 De Soto automobile, California license JWS 093 registered to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN which is as follows:

PRESENT OWNER (Last, First, Middle name if bus.)

STEVEN, STEVEN 13'

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This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. On the left side, there are two vertical lines forming a margin. The paper has a slightly aged appearance with some minor blemishes and faint smudges. There is no handwriting or printed text on the page.

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Lt. CHARLES HUGHES, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, advised that he testified before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on June 7, 1968. HUGHES related that he assisted Officers A. PLACENTIA and T. WHITE to make out an evidence report in connection with the arrest of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN while SIRHAN was in the interrogation room. He then gave PLACENTIA and WHITE a key found in the possession of SIRHAN and requested them to search for SIRHAN's car. HUGHES stated the key was returned to him at which time he gave the key to Lt. A. S. HEGGE, attached to the Rampart Division, who obtained a search warrant to search a vehicle believed to belong to SIRHAN. HUGHES advised the key was returned to him by Lt. HEGGE and he entered the key into evidence at the Grand Jury hearing.

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Lt. A. S. HEGGE, Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, advised he testified before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury, Los Angeles, on June 7, 1968. HEGGE related he testified that he received a key from Lt. CHARLES HUGHES and obtained a second search warrant at 4:30 PM on June 5, 1968, to search a 1956 pink DeSoto located by FBI Agents which was believed to be connected with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He returned to the car and tried the key which unlocked the door of the vehicle. Thereafter the following items were removed from the vehicle: A wallet containing identification for SIRHAN SIRHAN, two slugs, one bullet, a receipt for purchase of .22 caliber ammunition, a set of six keys, an empty box of mini ammunition and other miscellaneous papers.

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Attached are photographs depicting the interior and exterior of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN's 1956 De Soto, bearing California license JWS 093. This vehicle is registered to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California. These photographs were taken by SA RICHARD H. BLOESER.



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